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To: SAC, Albany

✓ From: Director, FBI (62-107261)

**"MINUTEMEN"  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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The Kansas City Office has advised it has determined that Robert B. DePugh, national coordinator of captioned organization, has a farmhouse in Hickory County, Missouri, which is utilized by him and members of "Minutemen." Information furnished by the Kansas City Office indicates [REDACTED]

In view of our investigation of captioned organization and its members, the possibility exists that we may uncover evidence of violations by members of captioned organization of statutes over which the Bureau has investigative jurisdiction. In such an event, there is the further possibility that Bureau Agents investigating such cases may have to forcibly enter premises occupied by such subjects in instances where there is process outstanding for their arrests or subjects may be fugitives.

In view of this, the above information should be called to the attention of all Agent personnel of your office [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in the event they have to enter premises occupied by captioned organization and/or its members.

2 - All Continental Offices

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*Bring to attention  
of all agents  
Minutemen 9-12/27/64*

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MEMO, SAC

Attention BABYLON RA

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ATTN: SA DAN O'CONNOR Re: "MINUTE MEN"

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The captioned subject was reported residing at \_\_\_\_\_, and employed as a \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_, as of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

Subject's spouse is \_\_\_\_\_.

The subject has been reported involved in the following subversive activity on the dates shown:

- LEAD
1. INTERVIEW: PHILIP BAGETIS
  2. 153 EAST WOOD BLVD
  3. CENTEREACH, L.I., N.Y.

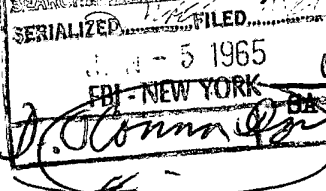
It is requested the following investigation be conducted: (Check where applicable.)

- ( ) A. Verify current employment and residence.
- ( ) B. Determine current Credit Record, it being noted the subject's credit was last checked \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) C. Determine current criminal record, it being noted the subject's criminal file was last reviewed \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) D. Obtain background, and dates, from subject's employment record.
- ( ) E. Check subject's marriage record at Probate Court, it being noted subject was reported married \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) F. Check official birth record at Bureau of Vital Statistics, it being noted subject reported born on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) G. Determine whether subject has access to classified or restricted material.
- ( ) H. Conduct neighborhood investigation; the following specific information is desired: \_\_\_\_\_
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- ( ) J. Review INS records.
- ( ) K. Determine if subject has military service.
- ( ) L. Obtain photograph of subject ( ), description ( ), handwriting specimen ( ).
- ( ) M. Determine subject's education; check school or college records, it being noted subject was reported attending \_\_\_\_\_ in 19\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) N. Determine subject's status of health.

The agent conducting the investigation will be alert for any evidence of subversive activity and in addition will \_\_\_\_\_

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Daniel J. Quigley  
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Dan: Interview Bogetis re. any info. about the "Minutemen." His name was on a piece of literature deposited by the "Minutemen Org." in the Post Office at Richmond, Mo. on 10/28/64. Bu. instructions are that recipients should be interviewed re: ① membership ② identity of officers ③ location of Minutemen units ④ any info. re. violations by the Minutemen within FBI jurisdiction. Follow line as set forth on FD 302's in attached report. Prepare FD 302.

UNITED STATE GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-107261)

Date: 12/18/64

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY 62-7797) -P-

RE: "MINUTEMEN"  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Re Bureau airtel to Kansas City, dated 11/24/64,  
and Kansas City airtel to Bureau, dated 12/3/64.

On 10/28/64, [redacted]  
[redacted] (Protect Identity) exhibited to Special  
Agents GEORGE A. ARNETT and [redacted]  
[redacted] believed by him to have been deposited in the mail  
by ROBERT B. DE PUGH, National Coordinator of the "Minutemen",  
or someone from his headquarters on 10/28/64.

On 11/29/64, [redacted] (Protect Identity) [redacted]  
[redacted] Kansas City, Kansas, whose name was observed by the  
Special Agents in [redacted]

[redacted] contained information relative to  
FBI investigation and interviews of the "Minutemen" under  
the caption "Current FBI Investigation." Listed below are  
some of the instructions DE PUGH suggested if members of the  
"Minutemen" are questioned in the future by the FBI:

"(A) Show a normal amount of surprise and curiosity as  
to the reason for their call.

3-Bureau (RM)  
2-Albany (100-18811) (RM)  
2-Albuquerque (RM)  
2-Baltimore (100-22623)  
2-Birmingham (100-4972) (RM)  
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(92) (See Page 2 for copies)

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OPEN FOR REVIEW CASE  
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SUPV. [signature] 12/3/64

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2-New York (RM)



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2-Boston (62-4040) (RM)  
2-Butte (100-8307) (RM)  
2-Chicago (105-11643) (RM)  
2-Cincinnati (100-13786) (RM)  
2-Cleveland (100-25679)  
2-Dallas (105-1280) (RM)  
2-Denver (62-1494) (RM)  
2-Detroit (100-29942) (RM)  
2-El Paso (100-5809) (RM)  
2-Houston (62-1802) (RM)  
2-Indianapolis (100-13372) (RM)  
2-Jackson (62-2) (RM)  
2-Jacksonville (100-447) (RM)  
2-Knoxville (62-692) (RM)  
2-Las Vegas (RM)  
2-Little Rock (RM)  
2-Los Angeles (62-5101) (RM)  
2-Louisville (RM)  
2-Memphis (RM)  
2-Miami (105-4921) (RM)  
2-Milwaukee (62-1060) (RM)

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2-New Haven (RM)  
2-Minneapolis (100-12533) (RM)  
2-New Orleans (62-3395) (RM)  
2-New York (62-12699) (RM)  
2-Newark (100-46383) (RM)  
2-Oklahoma City (100-6949) (RM)  
2-Omaha (100-6594) (RM)  
2-Philadelphia (157-447) (RM)  
2-Phoenix (105-1226) (RM)  
2-Pittsburg (62-2722) (RM)  
2-Portland (62-2511) (RM)  
2-Richmond (RM)  
2-St. Louis (100-18627) (RM)  
2-San Antonio (105-2356) (RM)  
2-San Francisco (100-47715) (RM)  
2-Seattle (100-25625) (RM)  
2-Springfield (100-9712) (RM)  
2-Tampa (RM)  
3-Kansas City (62-7797)

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"(B) They will show you their identification cards. Take this opportunity to learn what an FBI Identification Card looks like.

"(C) Normally there will be two Agents call on you together. Be sure you get their names correctly and remember them. If there is any doubt in your mind as to the true identity, you can phone the local FBI office to confirm that Agents by that name are in the field.

"(D) Remember their main objective is to get information. The more you talk the more they are going to get.

"(E) Remember also that information is a two way street. You can get information from them by using your wits and keeping your ears open. Ask them what made them think you could conceivably be a member of the Minutemen. They probably won't tell you but look for any hint or slip of the tongue which might give you a clue on this account.

"(F) Do not be bluffed. In the past Agents have begun their conversation with some statement such as, 'We've just received the membership list of the Minutemen and are checking out all members in this area.' This, of course, implies that they have access to these lists which is totally false. Ninety percent of the members which have become known to the FBI have been identified either because they themselves told someone else of their affiliation or by interception of their mail.

"(G) As soon as the Agents leave, write out a complete and detailed account of your conversation with them. Try to remember the exact wording of every question they asked you and the exact wording of your answer. Send this report to your regular mail drop immediately. By comparing your report with several others we can obtain valuable information as to the progress of their investigation.

"(H) Include an accurate physical description along with the name of each Agent that calls on you. Obtain the license number of their automobile whenever possible.

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"(I) If you admit to be a member they will probably ask you to cooperate with them. Sometimes it may be advisable for our members to do so. In some cases it may be possible for us to obtain information from them or feed them misleading information by having our member play the role of a double Agent. Generally speaking, however, we do not feel that our average members have the skill to do this effectively. Some of our fully trained members have been authorized in advance to accept their offer of cooperation. The average member is probably better off if he completely denies being a member. The fact that they may claim knowledge of your membership means nothing at all. Chances are they have only a suspicion. Don't confirm their suspicions for them.

"(J) Do not think that your value to the organization is destroyed by such questioning or identification. We are faced with a fight for survival and every patriot is needed. With proper security precaution you can continue to work effectively for the cause of freedom."

LEADS:

Recipient offices are instructed to review their indices, conduct credit and criminal checks, and contact logical informants and sources concerning the individuals listed in this letter. If there is no reason to the contrary, these persons should be interviewed. In conducting these interviews, the individuals should be questioned concerning the specific items of information enumerated in Bureau airtel to Albany, copy to All Continental Offices, dated 1/16/64. It should also be determined whether these individuals have any potential as informants or sources concerning captioned organization. Interviewing Agents should be cognizant of National Coordinator, ROBERT B. DE PUGH's instructions to "Minutemen" members when interviewed by the FBI. These instructions are contained in Bureau letter to All Offices, dated 11/6/64. *(same as set forth in P 1, 4 & 5)*

Each Office is cautioned not to disclose that

\_\_\_\_\_ obtained through the co-operation of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ at Richmond, Missouri, inasmuch as DE PUGH on  
numerous occasions in the past has \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- ① names of officers
- ② identity of members
- ③ location of units
- ④ any info re violation of matters within FBI jurisdiction.

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Listed below are the names and addresses of the individuals to whom [redacted]  
These names have been compared with the list of names furnished various field offices by Kansas City letter of September 4, 1964. [redacted]

[redacted] are not being listed:

[redacted]  
Huntsville, Alabama

[redacted]  
Tucson, Arizona

[redacted]  
Clarksville, Arkansas

[redacted]  
Burbank, California

[redacted]  
Laguna Beach, California

[redacted]  
Buena Park, California

[redacted]  
Twentynine Palms, California

[redacted]  
Woodland Hills, California

[redacted]  
Fullerton, California

[redacted]  
Tucson, Arizona

[redacted]  
Tucson, Arizona

[redacted]  
Harrison, Arkansas

[redacted]  
Glenn Ellen, California

[redacted]  
Twentynine Palms, Calif. 92277

[redacted]  
Fullerton, California

[redacted]  
29 Palms, California

[redacted]  
Riverside, California

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Sherman Oaks, California

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[REDACTED]  
Santa Ana, California

[REDACTED]  
Wilmington, California

[REDACTED]  
Sacramento, California

[REDACTED]  
Stockton, California

[REDACTED]  
Placerville, California

[REDACTED]  
Cottonwood, California 96022

[REDACTED]  
New Haven, Conn.

[REDACTED]  
Tavares, Florida

[REDACTED]  
Miami, Florida

[REDACTED]  
N. Miami, Florida

[REDACTED]  
Alhambra, California

[REDACTED]  
Hacienda Heights, Calif.

[REDACTED]  
San Jose, California

[REDACTED]  
North Highlands, California

[REDACTED]  
Burlingame, California

[REDACTED]  
Lakewood, Colorado

[REDACTED]  
Georgetown, Delaware 19947

[REDACTED]  
Marianna, Florida 32446

[REDACTED]  
Miami, Florida

[REDACTED]  
West Palm Beach, Florida

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[REDACTED]  
Coral Gables, 34, Florida

[REDACTED]  
Miami, Florida

[REDACTED]  
Tampa, Florida

[REDACTED]  
Safety Harbor, Florida

[REDACTED]  
Waukegan, Illinois

[REDACTED]  
Chicago 49, Illinois

[REDACTED]  
Chicago 47, Illinois

[REDACTED]  
Indianapolis, Ind. 46222

[REDACTED]  
Indianapolis, Indiana

[REDACTED]  
Dubuque, Iowa

[REDACTED]  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

[REDACTED]  
W. Palm Beach, Florida

[REDACTED]  
W. Hollywood, Florida

[REDACTED]  
Punta Gorda, Florida

[REDACTED]  
Lansing, Illinois

[REDACTED]  
Des Plaines, Illinois 60018

[REDACTED]  
Chicago 15, Illinois

[REDACTED]  
Pekin, Illinois

[REDACTED]  
Mooreville, Indiana

[REDACTED]  
Davenport, Iowa

[REDACTED]  
Prairie City, Iowa

[REDACTED]  
Kansas City, Kansas 66102

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[redacted]  
Kansas City, Kansas

[redacted]  
Shawnee Mission, Kansas

[redacted]  
Marysville, Kansas

[redacted]  
Frankfort, Kentucky

[redacted]  
Lexington, Kentucky

[redacted]  
New Orleans, Louisiana

[redacted]  
Natchitoches, La.

[redacted]  
Ft. Meade, Maryland

[redacted]  
Seekonk, Massachusetts

[redacted]  
Everett, Massachusetts

[redacted]  
Prairie Village, Kansas

[redacted]  
Wichita, Kansas

[redacted]  
Ottawa, Kansas

[redacted]  
Anchorage, Kentucky

[redacted]  
Oil City, Louisiana 71061

[redacted]  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

[redacted]  
Baltimore 12, Maryland 21212

[redacted]  
Clinton, Massachusetts

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Newburyport, Massachusetts

[redacted]  
Lowell, Massachusetts

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[REDACTED]

New Buffalo, Michigan

[REDACTED]

Trenton, Michigan

[REDACTED]

Detroit, Michigan

[REDACTED]

Roseville, Michigan

[REDACTED]

Traverse City, Michigan

[REDACTED]

Central Lake, Michigan

[REDACTED]

Trenton, Michigan

[REDACTED]

Saginaw, Michigan

[REDACTED]

Trenton, Michigan

[REDACTED]

St. Paul, Minnesota

[REDACTED]

Faribault, Minnesota 55021

[REDACTED]

Wyoming, Michigan

[REDACTED]

Trenton, Michigan

[REDACTED]

Dearborne, Michigan

[REDACTED]

Detroit 28, Michigan

[REDACTED]

Traverse City, Michigan

[REDACTED]

Muskegon Heights, Michigan

[REDACTED]

Garden City, Michigan

[REDACTED]

Detroit 39, Michigan

[REDACTED]

Trenton, Michigan

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St. Paul 1, Minnesota

[REDACTED]

St. Paul 4, Minnesota

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[REDACTED]  
St. Paul 6, Minnesota

[REDACTED]  
University, Miss. 38677

[REDACTED]  
Mc Comb, Miss.

[REDACTED]  
Mc Comb, Miss.

[REDACTED]  
Garden Drive  
Overland, Missouri 63114

[REDACTED]  
St. Louis 18, Missouri

[REDACTED]  
Versailles, Missouri

[REDACTED]  
Missoula, Montana

[REDACTED]  
Oshkosh, Nebraska

[REDACTED]  
Lincoln, Nebraska

[REDACTED]  
Long Beach, Mississippi

[REDACTED]  
Mc Comb, Miss.

[REDACTED]  
Jackson, Miss.

[REDACTED]  
Summit, Miss.

[REDACTED]  
St. Louis 39, Missouri

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St. Louis 14, Missouri

[REDACTED]  
Sedalia, Missouri

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Kearney, Nebraska

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Omaha, Nebraska

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Alamogordo, New Mexico

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Alamogordo, New Mexico

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Roswell, New Mexico

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Alamogordo, New Mexico

[Redacted]

Kearney, New Jersey

[Redacted]

Scotch Plains, New Jersey

[Redacted]

Syracuse, New York

[Redacted]

Centereach, Long Island, N.Y.

ALICE GEIS

184 Garfield Ave.

Mineola, Long Island, N.Y.

[Redacted]

New York, New York

[Redacted]

Columbus, 2, Ohio

[Redacted]

Alamogordo, New Mexico

[Redacted]

Roswell, New Mexico

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River Edge, New Jersey

[Redacted]

Florham Park, New Jersey

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Moorestown, New Jersey

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Potsdam, New York

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Yonkers, New York

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Great Neck, New Jersey

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Las Vegas, Nevada

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*NY White Plains*

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[REDACTED]

Cleveland, Ohio 44109

[REDACTED]

Cleveland 9, Ohio

[REDACTED]

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

[REDACTED]

Muskogee, Oklahoma

[REDACTED]

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

[REDACTED]

Portland 36, Oregon

[REDACTED]

Silverton, Oregon

[REDACTED]

Baker, Oregon

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Coos Bay, Oregon

[REDACTED]

North Bend, Oregon

[REDACTED]

West Salem, Ohio

[REDACTED]

Coalgate, Oklahoma

[REDACTED]

Boise City, Oklahoma

[REDACTED]

Afton, Oklahoma

[REDACTED]

Edmond, Oklahoma

[REDACTED]

Hillsboro, Oregon

[REDACTED]

Portland 19, Oregon

[REDACTED]

Portland 25, Oregon

[REDACTED]

Eagle Point, Oregon

[REDACTED]

Jonstown, Pennsylvania

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[REDACTED]  
Philadelphia 17, Pennsylvania

[REDACTED]  
Dallas, Texas 75224

[REDACTED]  
Fort Worth, Texas

[REDACTED]  
Longview, Texas

[REDACTED]  
Fort Worth, Texas

[REDACTED]  
Presidio, Texas

[REDACTED]  
Houston 35, Texas

[REDACTED]  
Pasadena, Texas

[REDACTED]  
Bryan, Texas

[REDACTED]  
Austin, Texas 78722

[REDACTED]  
San Antonio, Texas

[REDACTED]  
Irwing, Texas

[REDACTED]  
Forth Worth 19, Texas

[REDACTED]  
Dallas 14, Texas

[REDACTED]  
Fort Worth, Texas

[REDACTED]  
Midland, Texas

[REDACTED]  
Orange, Texas

[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
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Austin, Texas

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Harlingen, Texas

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[redacted]  
Mc Allen, Texas

[redacted]  
Arlington, Virginia

[redacted]  
Seattle, Washington 98107

[redacted]  
Seattle 66, Washington

[redacted]  
Edmonds, Washington

[redacted]  
Alderwood Manor, Washington  
98001

[redacted]  
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

[redacted]  
Swedeland, Pennsylvania

[redacted]  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

[redacted]  
Mc Allen, Texas

[redacted]  
Lexington, Virginia

[redacted]  
Puyallup, Washington 98371

[redacted]  
Seattle 3, Washington

[redacted]  
Seattle 7, Washington

[redacted]  
Marinette, Wisconsin

[redacted]  
Lebanon, Pennsylvania

[redacted] (Return Address)  
Norborne, Mo.

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Brookhaven, Chester, Pa  
(Addressee)

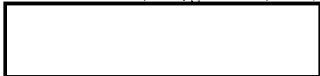
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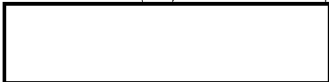
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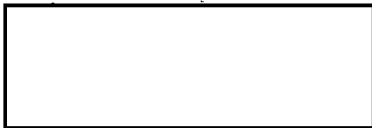
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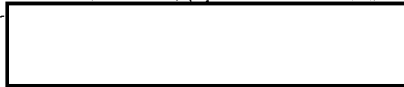
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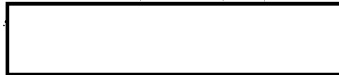
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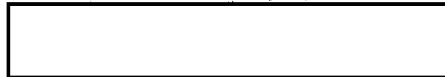
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Pittsburgh 18, Pennsylvania



Memphis, Tennessee



Dallas 1, Texas

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The captioned subject was reported residing at \_\_\_\_\_, and employed as a \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_, as of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.

Subject's spouse is \_\_\_\_\_.

The subject has been reported involved in the following subversive activity on the dates shown:

- LEAD
1. INTERVIEW: ALICE GEIS
  2. 184 GARFIELD AVE.
  3. MINEOLA, N.Y. (SEE OVER)

It is requested the following investigation be conducted: (Check where applicable.)

- ☐ A. Verify current employment and residence.
- ☐ B. Determine current Credit Record, it being noted the subject's credit was last checked \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.
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- ☐ N. Determine subject's status of health.

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Daniel J. Gough  
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Interview Lisa re. any info. she  
might have about the "Minutemen".  
Determine if she received instructions  
as to how to react if contacted  
by FBI. Is she a member etc.  
Follow line as set forth in  
FD 302's in attached report.  
Prepare FD 302 on interview.

PLS EXPEDITE1/6/85, 19\_\_MEMO, SAC  
Attention WHITE RASA WM A. FLYNN Re: "MINUTE MEN"

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WAS. \_\_\_\_\_  
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The captioned subject was reported residing at \_\_\_\_\_, and employed as a \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_, as of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.

Subject's spouse is \_\_\_\_\_.

The subject has been reported involved in the following subversive activity on the dates shown:

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  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_

It is requested the following investigation be conducted: (Check where applicable.)

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- ( ) B. Determine current Credit Record, it being noted the subject's credit was last checked \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.
- ( ) C. Determine current criminal record, it being noted the subject's criminal file was last reviewed \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.
- ( ) D. Obtain background, and dates, from subject's employment record.
- ( ) E. Check subject's marriage record at Probate Court, it being noted subject was reported married \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) F. Check official birth record at Bureau of Vital Statistics, it being noted subject reported born on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) G. Determine whether subject has access to classified or restricted material.
- ( ) H. Conduct neighborhood investigation; the following specific information is desired: \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) I. Check Security Informants, it being noted \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ have given information in the past.
- ( ) J. Review INS records.
- ( ) K. Determine if subject has military service.
- ( ) L. Obtain photograph of subject ( ), description ( ), handwriting specimen ( ).
- ( ) M. Determine subject's education; check school or college records, it being noted subject was reported attending \_\_\_\_\_ in 19\_\_.
- ( ) N. Determine subject's status of health.

The agent conducting the investigation will be alert for any evidence of subversive activity and in addition will \_\_\_\_\_

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Bill: [redacted] name was an exposure  
of literature deposited in the Richmond,  
Missouri Post Office by the "Minutemen"  
on 10/28/64. Interview for any info  
re. the Minutemen. Specifically  
① names of officers ② identity of  
members ③ location of units  
④ any info. re. violation of matters  
within FBI jurisdiction. If  
cooperative ascertain if he received  
a set of instructions from the "Minutemen"  
as to how to act when contacted  
by the FBI.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>"MINUTEMEN"</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>GERHARD P. HUNDT</b>	TYPED BY <b>dm</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)</b>	

**REFERENCES:** Report of SA GERHARD P. HUNDT, dated 11/17/64, at Newark.  
 Kansas City letter to Bureau, dated 12/18/64.  
 Report of SA DANIEL J. QUIGLEY, dated 12/2/64, at New York.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

During the interview with MAXWELL S. SIMPSON, it was noted that he appeared to follow the instructions set out in the "Special Bulletin" of the "Minutemen" dated October 23, 1964, in which instructions were set out as to what to do when interviewed by the FBI. He appeared irritated at being interviewed, but after allowing the agents to enter his studio, he again requested to see the agents' credentials to make sure that he had the names correct.

[redacted] is not being interviewed, for security reasons, inasmuch as he is the contact between PSI [redacted]

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[ ] and the New Jersey leader of the "Minutemen".

INFORMANTS:

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AT [ ] NEW YORK. Will interview [ ]  
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AT [ ] NEW JERSEY. Will maintain contact with  
[ ] New Jersey, Police Department,  
in an effort to obtain photo of [ ]

AT [ ] NEW JERSEY. Will interview [ ]  
[ ] if credit and criminal  
checks indicate no reason to the contrary.

AT [ ] NEW JERSEY. Will interview [ ]  
[ ] if credit and criminal checks  
indicate no reason to the contrary.

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AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY. Will maintain contact with  
logical sources for activities of subject organization and  
will attempt to identify additional members and branches.

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1-Secret Service, Newark

Report of: GERHARD P. HUNDT  
Date: 1/15/65

Office: Newark, New Jersey

Field Office File #: 100-46383

Bureau File #: 62-107261

Title: "MINUTEMEN"

Character: INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Synopsis: Names and addresses of New Jersey individuals receiving mail believed to be from national headquarters of "Minutemen" set out. [redacted], identified as member of "Minutemen". MAXWELL S. SIMPSON of Scotch Plains, N.J., when interviewed on 1/14/65, denied any knowledge of "Minutemen" Organization. "Minutemen News" of December 15, 1964, contains article captioned "How to Bug a Room".

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DETAILS:

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I. KNOWN AND SUSPECTED MEMBERS

On October 28, 1964, NK T-1 advised that he had observed pieces of mail; believed by him to have been deposited at the Richmond, Missouri, Post Office, by someone from national headquarters of the "Minutemen", addressed to the following New Jersey individuals:



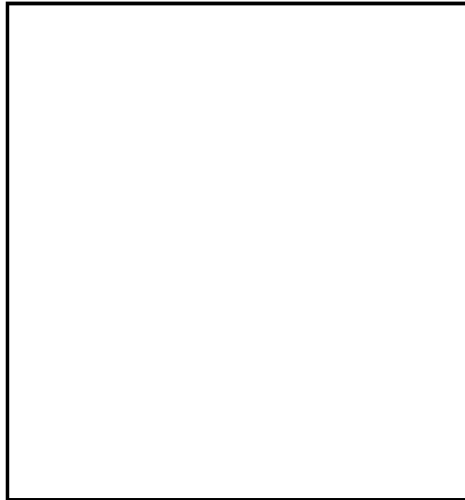
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MAXWELL S. SIMPSON  
Old Puritan Road  
Scotch Plains, New Jersey

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NK T-2 advised on January 14, 1965, that [redacted] is known by him to be a member of the "Minutemen". The informant also advised that [redacted] frequents the J & J Gun Shop in Kearny, New Jersey, which is moving to the corner of Kearny and Quincy Avenue, Kearny, New Jersey, and that consideration is being given to having a shooting range in the basement below the new location of this shop.

II. INTERVIEW WITH MAXWELL S. SIMPSON

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MAXWELL S. SIMPSON, 1385 Old Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, stated that he is an artist, that he is not interested in the "Minutemen", and that he knows nothing whatsoever about this organization.

The following description of SIMPSON was obtained during the course of the interview:

Name:	MAXWELL S. SIMPSON
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Approximately 70 years
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	190 pounds
Build:	Heavy
Hair:	White, partially bald
Residence:	1385 Old Raritan Road Scotch Plains, New Jersey
Occupation:	Artist

On 1/14/65 at Scotch Plains, New Jersey File # NK 100-46383  
by SAs BERNARD J. CONNELL and  
GERHARD P. HUNDT /dm Date dictated 1/15/65

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

On January 12, 1965, NK T-3 furnished a copy of the December 15, 1964, "Minutemen News", which he had received through the mail in an envelope postmarked January 2, 1965, at Sedalia, Missouri. One of the articles in this issue is entitled "How to Bug a Room" and sets out instructions for installing microphones and electronic equipment which will enable individuals to eavesdrop without being detected.

On January 7, 1964, a photograph of [redacted] was displayed to NK T-2 and NK T-4, both of whom advised that this individual was not known to them.

On January 12, 1965, a photograph of [redacted] was displayed to NK T-3, who also advised that he did not know this individual.

On January 12, 1965, [redacted] New Jersey, Police Department, advised that efforts to obtain a photograph of [redacted] have been unsuccessful to date.

On November 18, 1964, [redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] that her son [redacted] is presently in the United States Marine Corps in California, and is not available for interview at this time.

On December 14, 1964, Special Agent [redacted] ascertained from [redacted] Headquarters, Fourth Training Regiment, Fort Dix, New Jersey, that [redacted] who had been trained in Company M of the Fourth Training Regiment, graduated from basic training on November 13, 1964, and as of that date, was transferred to the United States Army Engineers and was now assigned duty in Germany.

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[redacted] Garden State Credit  
Bureau. Clifton. New Jersey, advised Investigative Clerk  
[redacted] on December 30, 1964, that she could  
locate no record for [redacted] whose address was given  
as [redacted] by NK T-1.  
On January 4, 1965, [redacted] Little Falls. New Jersey,  
Police Department, advised Investigative Clerk [redacted] that  
there is no Jaysen Avenue in Great Notch. New Jersey, which  
is adjacent to Little Falls. [redacted] suggested that  
the address might be Great Neck, New York.

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MEMO, SAC GARDEN CITY RA  
Attention J.V. GRIFFIN Re: "MINUTE MEN"  
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The captioned subject was reported residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, and employed as a \_\_\_\_\_ at the  
\_\_\_\_\_, as of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.  
Subject's spouse is \_\_\_\_\_.

The subject has been reported \_\_\_\_\_  
on the dates shown:

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It is requested the following investigation be conducted: (Check where applicable.) See Over

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The agent conducting the investigation will be alert for any evidence of subversive activity and in addition will \_\_\_\_\_

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**To: SAC, Albany (100-18811)**  
**From: Director, FBI (62-107261)**

**"MINUTEMEN"**  
**INFORMATION CONCERNING**  
**(INTERNAL SECURITY)**

ReBSairtel to Director 11-5-64; Bureau 0-1 form to Albany 1-8-65 and ALlet to Director 1-13-65.

Referenced BSairtel directed a lead to your office to contact [redacted] who was working at [redacted]. It is noted that [redacted] is in the territory covered by the New York Office. By referenced 0-1 form, Albany was requested to advise the date a report or letterhead memorandum would be submitted regarding the interview of [redacted]. You advised by return of referenced 0-1 form that a letter would be submitted 1-13-65.

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Referenced ALlet 1-13-65 made no mention of contact with [redacted]. Both your answers to referenced 0-1 form and airtel of 1-13-65 are unresponsive to the request submitted to you by the Bureau by referenced 0-1. You are instructed to advise by return airtel whether or not you have covered the lead requested initially by referenced BSairtel or if you have instructed the New York Office to cover same. If so, immediately submit to the Bureau a copy of your letter to New York so requesting that the lead be covered.

If you have not as yet instructed New York to contact [redacted] do so immediately and furnish the New York Office sufficient background information to intelligently cover this lead.

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To: SAC, Kansas City (62-7797),

From: Director, FBI (62-107261)

"MINUTEMEN"  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

The attention of all offices receiving this communication is directed to Bureau letter to Kansas City dated 11/6/64, copies to all continental offices.

The New Orleans Office has furnished information to the effect that at a recent meeting of a "Minutemen" unit, members were instructed that if they were ever contacted or interviewed by the FBI, they should remember what the Agent looked like. Thereafter, if they observed the Agent on the street or at a public gathering, the "Minutemen" member should approach the Agent and accuse the Agent of cursing the Minuteman and make a statement to the effect, "Don't cuss me," after which the Minuteman would assault the Agent.

The "Minutemen" were advised that prior to approaching the Agent, they should have at least two witnesses with them who would testify in the event of any court action that the Agent had provoked the attack by swearing at the Minuteman.

You are instructed to bring this to the attention of all Agent personnel of your office so that they will be alert to the above possibility and be guided accordingly in connection therewith.

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*Three men*  
*D. J. Quigley*  
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"Minutemen"

The Bureau, by airtel dated 1/29/65, again cautioned concerning any contemplated interviews of members of the "Minutemen". The "Minutemen" have been instructed that, if they observe an Agent on the street or at a public gathering, the "Minuteman" should approach the Agent and accuse him of cursing the "Minuteman" and make a statement to the effect, "Don't cuss me," after which the "Minuteman" would assault the Agent. They will also, at the time of the assault, have two witnesses, who will testify in the event of a court action that the Agent provoked the attack.

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FREE CORPS

In recent weeks a confidential source has furnished information on several occasions relative to the "Free Corps" apparently a new organization along racist lines. The following pertinent data has been developed:

On November 23, 1964, a source advised that ROY E. FRANKHOUSER, JR., [redacted] under GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL in the American Nazi Party (ANP), possibly accompanied by others, planned to visit "upstate New York." On December 10, 1964, this same source advised that the above-mentioned three plus a fellow named [redacted] had gone to visit FREDERICK WEISS. Information from Baltimore and New York reflected that they went to New York and that WEISS was ill on November 29, 1964, and the travellers were unable to see him but did speak with [redacted] on the phone.

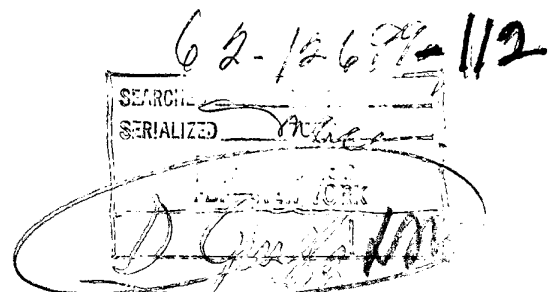
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A characterization of the ANP is attached.

On December 28, 1964, the source exhibited a small newspaper he had received by mail, postmarked Jamaica, N. Y. This paper was Issue #3, dated December 1964, and according to the "masthead" is published in New York City. DAN BURROS is the editor. The name of the paper is "The Free American."

This paper makes mention of the fact that ROY E. FRANKHOUSER is the new Director of Security and Intelligence for the Free Corps. The article reported that FRANKHOUSER would handle liaison between the Free American and other right wing groups. FRANKHOUSER was also described as a "veteran campaigner who has been beaten and tortured several times for his National Socialist beliefs."

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Another article in this paper under the heading "New Fascist Commandos" read, "We are happy to announce the formation of a new right wing guerilla type organization called the 'Free Corps.' The purposes of the para-military organization is to assist other right wing groups and combat any red take-over with armed force - and restore order."

Accompanying this article were two photographs, poorly reproduced, but which appeared to depict FRANKHOUSER dressed in a German World War II style uniform saluting an officer, and two persons, one with a rifle and one with a steel helmet and pack in a wooded area.

Source also advised January 4, 1965, that all the members of the local group were to get memberships in a local sportsman's club, the Daniel Boone Rod and Gun Club. This organization has a rifle range, and according to FRANKHOUSER, membership will explain any rifles "we" might be caught carrying.

On January 16, 1965, source quoted FRANKHOUSER as saying "our organization will combine the best features of the American Nazi Party, the National States Rights Party (NSRP), the Minutemen and 'other right wing groups.' We will use the ideas of the Minutemen for our military training and build a strong underground movement."

A characterization of the NSRP is attached.

FRANKHOUSER claimed to have some lists of Communists and literature on silencers and on demolition with explosives obtained from literature of the Minutemen. According to FRANKHOUSER, the local group will actually be a "front" for the American Nazi Party, and ROCKWELL has given full approval to all the activities and plans. FRANKHOUSER also told source that DAN BURROS, editor of the Free American, is an underground member of the ANP.

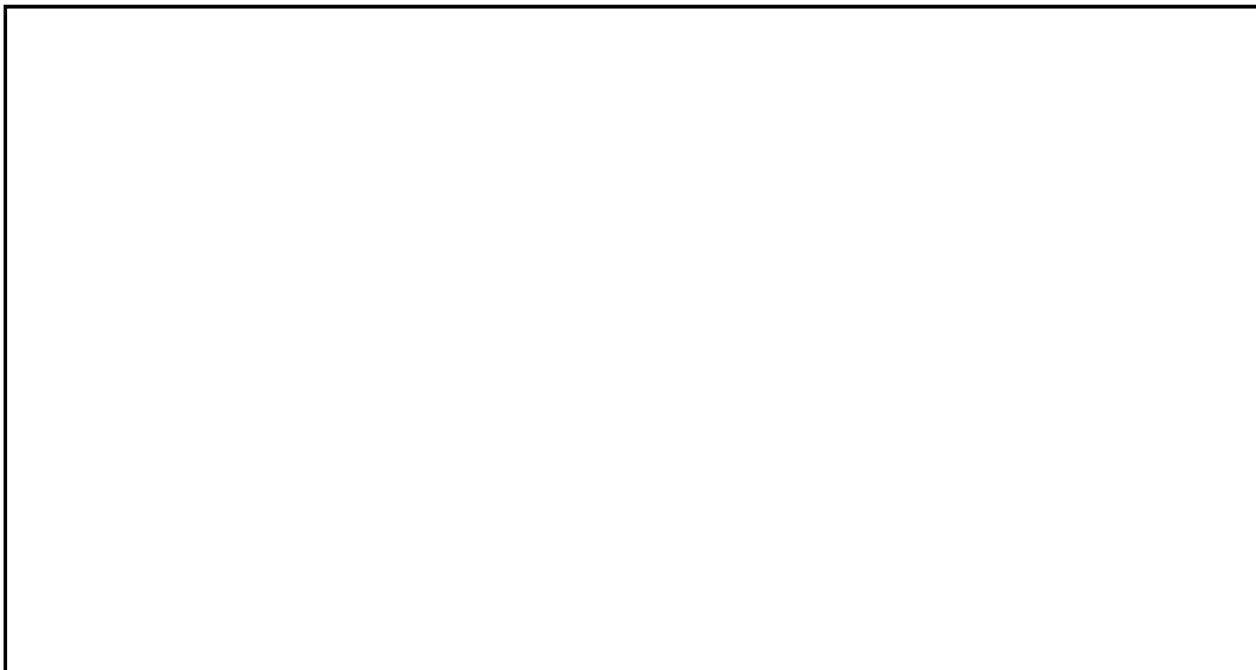
On January 19, 1965, a second source reported that [redacted] [redacted], had rented [redacted] in the Reading Post Office, and was receiving mail there addressed to the "NSRP."

The first source on several occasions indicated that FRANKHOUSER was planning on establishing a local headquarters,

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On January 25, 1965, information from a third source was received reflecting that ROY FRANKHOUSER, JR., had invited [redacted] to come to Reading, Pa., on Saturday,

[redacted] The purpose of this visit was to have [redacted] participate in a meeting between FRANKHOUSER, FRED POLZIN of Parkesburg, Pa., DAN BURROS of New York City, FRED WEISS from New York State, and [redacted]

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[redacted] FRANKHOUSER wanted the group to meet to discuss the future of a new "independent" Nazi Newspaper called the "Free American." WEISS was a financial backer, BURROS the editor, POLZIN a distributor, and FRANKHOUSER a contributor. FRANKHOUSER also wanted to have [redacted] meet BURROS and WEISS and convince him that they were worthwhile allies of the ANP.

According to this source, [redacted] with FRANKHOUSER at the latter's place, 133 South 4th Street, Reading, Pa.; [redacted]



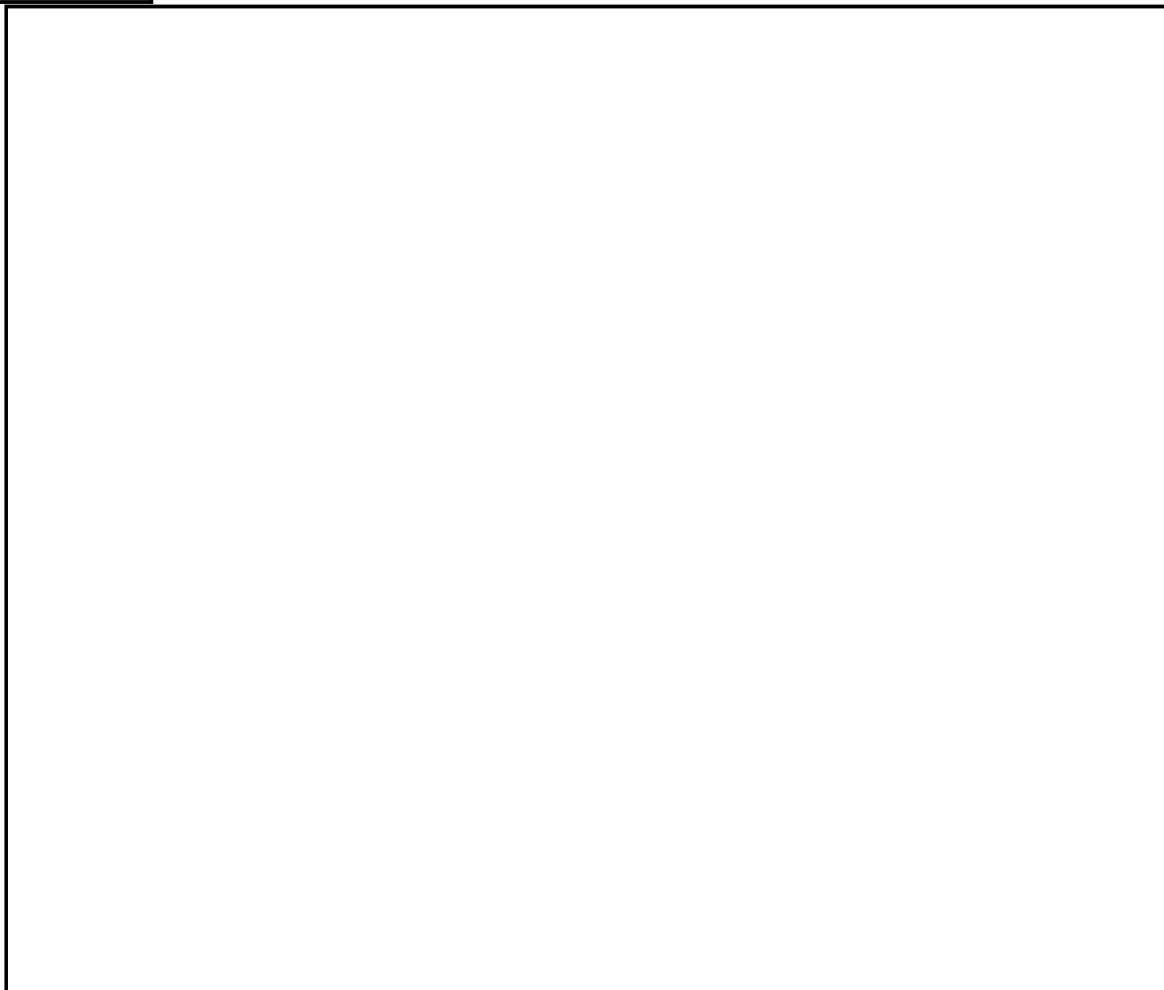
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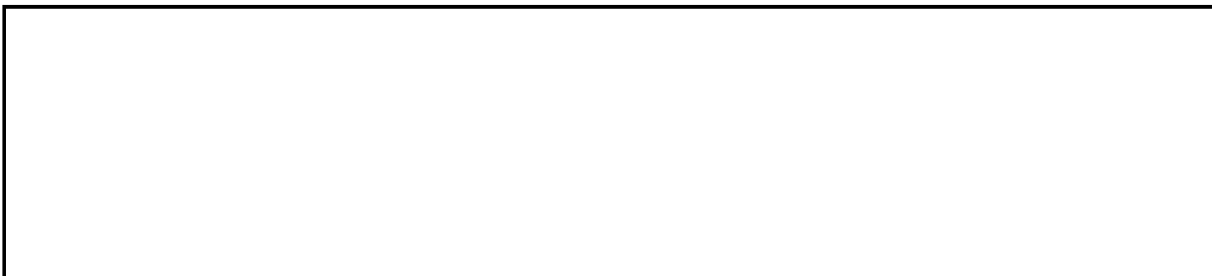
The third source also related that the next day the group went to New York City where DAN BURROS met them, but reported WEISS was too ill to see them. POLZIN called but WEISS was too ill even to come to the phone.

On February 2, 1965, the first source advised that  
ROY FRANKHOUSER [redacted]



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AMERICAN NAZI PARTY OF THE WORLD UNION OF  
FREE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL SOCIALISTS, (ANP-WUFENS),  
aka The George Lincoln Rockwell Party

In his book "This Time The World," copyrighted in 1961, George Lincoln Rockwell identified himself as Commander, American Nazi Party of the World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists (ANP-WUFENS), Arlington, Virginia.

The April 4, 1963, issue of "The Richmond News Leader," a Richmond, Virginia, daily newspaper, reported that George Lincoln Rockwell had, on the previous day, again applied for the American Nazi Party to be chartered in the State of Virginia, but this request was turned down by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. This action was taken pursuant to an act of the 1962 Virginia Assembly which prohibits the use of "Nazi" or "National Socialism" in a Virginia charter. This article further pointed out that Rockwell's party is presently chartered in the State of Virginia as the George Lincoln Rockwell Party.

On August 14, 1964, a source advised that the ANP-WUFENS was organized by George Lincoln Rockwell at his residence in Arlington, Virginia, on February 26, 1959, as an international "National Socialist" movement based on the German Nazi Party headed by Adolf Hitler. He added that Rockwell is the dominant force and personality in this party; that he is espousing a "line" of hatred against the Jews and Negroes; and that he is seeking, through speeches, distribution of literature and picketing, to establish a cohesive and dominant political party in the United States and in foreign countries.

According to the "Stormtrooper's Manual," an official publication of the ANP, the phases of ANP struggle for power are fourfold; namely, first "to make ourselves known to the masses;" second "the dissemination of our program and the truth about the Party;" third "organizing the people who have been converted to our propaganda;" and fourth "the attainment of power through the votes of the newly-won masses."

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On February 17, 1964, Karl Rogers Allen, Jr., former Deputy National Commander of the ANP, advised that George Lincoln Rockwell believes that he has completed the first two phases in his struggle for power and is now well into the third phase. Allen said, however, in his opinion Rockwell has only completed phase one.

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NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP)

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont," a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently-held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July 1958 issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official racial nationalist organ of the National States Rights Party," reported that rank and file "State Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party" with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue Number 19, dated June 1960, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the Headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

On June 17, 1960, a source advised that EDWARD R. FIELDS, the Information Director of the NSRP, is the individual who runs the NSRP.





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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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**RePHlet to Bureau and New York 2/4/65.**

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum. Copies as indicated on page 1A are also being furnished to New York, Baltimore, Richmond, Kansas City, and Birmingham, because of the interrelation of the Free Corps and other right wing groups.

Copies of the letterhead memorandum are also being distributed locally to OSI, ONI, INTC, and Secret Service will receive two copies.

Although this Office is aware that many of the claims of FRANKHOUSER are designed to magnify his own importance, and have little or no basis in fact, this group apparently presents a potential danger, and they have gone to considerable trouble and expense to further the aims of the group.

The local Reading, Pa., Police and the State Police at Reading have also been advised of the alleged activities of this group.

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This Office is remaining alert for any possible violations of the law which may be committed by members of the Free Corps with respect to possible possession of fully automatic weapons or of illegal possession or storage of weapons or explosives, which might be used to advantage by local authorities or the ATTU.

## VICTOR RIESEL: INSIDE LABOR

# Rightist Bands Turn to Machine Gun

**T**HE machine gun's the thing for many guerrilla bands now roaming the countryside from coast to coast and from Canada to the Gulf. Frequently, these bands are built around big private arsenals, which are usually secreted in rural shacks.

Oftimes, the caches are so well stocked that their owners offer the weapons for sale to kindred souls for a final stand against "the enemy." If ever combined, these arsenals could equip a small army.

But there has been no Federal probe of the weird guerrillas who openly worship the rifle and submachine gun.

Nor has the House Committee on Un-American Activities looked into the private ownership of such automatic weapons.

Certainly, Federal agencies and the Congress should investigate those who ran the following advertisement in the April 15, edition of The Shotgun News:

"Rightists and Guerrilla Warfare Groups: If you are a recognized and responsible group (burden of proof is on you), then I have a special grade of Thompson 1928 A1 Demil available to your group at regular price. Absolutely no sale of these to individuals. Write only: Rich Lauchli..."

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The address, which I will not list here, followed the sales appeal. Lauchli, who operates out of a small Illinois city, is the organizer of the Counter-Insurgency Council.

When the local police questioned him last May, he had in his possession 100 submachine guns, flame throwers and mortars. These are easily purchased from surplus army goods stores.

This partisan of the submachine gun is a former regional director of the Minutemen, which is nationally headquartered at Norborne, Mo.

Easily the biggest of the self-styled defense bands, it is a loosely knit grouping of guerrilla units, each numbering between 10 and 25 riflemen. Following last November's elections, Chief Minuteman Robert Bolivar DePugh said in his publication, "On Target," that President Johnson's landslide victory proved that "the time is past when the American people might have saved themselves by traditional processes."

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The answer to the election, said DePugh, was to join the Minutemen's secret underground army for training as "America's last line of defense against Communism."

There is sufficient evidence to prove that DePugh has enrolled some 25,000 men. He boasts that last Summer 100 college students took six-week "survival" courses at three secret guerrilla camps, one in the East, one in the West and the third near St. Louis.

The Minutemen, though the largest, is not the oldest of guerrilla bands. Little known, even on the West Coast, is a group called the California Rangers. Launched in 1959, the Rangers are led by a former Army colonel. Its units frequently discussed tactics to be used against minority groups should these "cause trouble."

There are many other bands. Why is there no Congressional probe? It only takes one shot to do vast damage.

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Att: Assistant Director

Dear Sir:

Inclosed you will find letter and envelope I received in to-day's mail.

Upon receipt of same I immediately called our local Postmaster, [redacted] and he suggested I contact the F.B.I. I placed a call to the New York City F.B.I. office and talked to Agent [redacted] who asked me to send the Minuteman Letter to your attention.

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It so happens that at the present time I am [redacted] of the [redacted]

I am personally against crackpot type organizations and if I receive any more literature from the Minutemen I will forward same to your office if you think it will be of help to you.

I have also reported this letter to our Orange County District Attorney's Office.

Sincerely yours,

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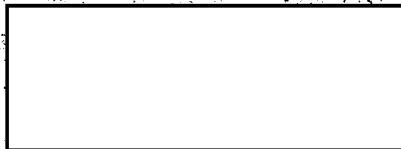
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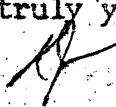
Dear 

Reference is made to your letter  
dated November 19, 1964, with attached enclosures.


Your thoughtfulness in forwarding  
the information to this office is indeed appreciated.

You may be assured that your letter will  
be made a matter of record in this office.

Very truly yours,

  
JOHN F. MALONE  
Assistant Director in Charge

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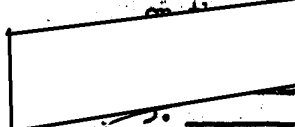
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The subject has been reported involved in the following subversive activity as shown:



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It is requested the following investigation be conducted: (Check where applicable.)

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- ☐ B. Determine current Credit Record, it being noted the subject's credit was last checked \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.
- ☐ C. Determine current criminal record, it being noted the subject's criminal file was last reviewed \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.
- ☐ D. Obtain background, and dates, from subject's employment record.
- ☐ E. Check subject's marriage record at Probate Court, it being noted subject was reported married \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ F. Check official birth record at Bureau of Vital Statistics, it being noted subject reported born on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ G. Determine whether subject has access to classified or restricted material.
- ☐ H. Conduct neighborhood investigation; the following specific information is desired: \_\_\_\_\_
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- ☐ J. Review INS records.
- ☐ K. Determine if subject has military service.
- ☐ L. Obtain photograph of subject ( ), description ( ), handwriting specimen ( ).
- ☐ M. Determine subject's education; check school or college records, it being noted subject was reported attending \_\_\_\_\_ in 19\_\_.
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The agent conducting the investigation will be alert for any evidence of subversive activity and in addition will \_\_\_\_\_

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[redacted] attached is mainly for your info. Note P4 of note typed an Xerox copy of NY Times article. Note says a meeting is being scheduled in Orange County soon.

However if you can contact [redacted], thank him for info (it was acknowledged) and ask him to be sure and furnish any further info. he might receive from the "Minutemen" in the future. Also does he have any friends in Denver, Colorado. It sounds like a gag. ("Please bring your own guns!")

Don Singley  
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# Minutemen, Upset by G.O.P. Loss, Set New Drive

By DONALD JANSON

Special to The New York Times

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 10

The Minuteman organization has lost patience with American reliance on the ballot.

President Johnson's landslide victory last week proves that "the time is past when the American people might have saved themselves by traditional political processes," the militantly ultraconservative group says in a post-election call to action.

The course for all "conservatives" now, it says, is to join the Minutemen's secret "underground army" for training as "America's last line of defense against Communism."

The Minutemen foresee a Communist takeover of the United States abetted by an Administration "soft on Communism." In line with this, they stress guerrilla warfare and woods and "bramble" target practice to prepare for what they believe will be rear-guard resistance that will hound the alleged Communist overlords till they withdraw and leave the nation in the hands of patriots.

## Hopes Turned Into Dust

"The hopes of millions of Americans that the Communist tide could be stopped with ballots instead of bullets have been turned into dust," says the November issue of On Target.

The group's monthly newsletter is written and published by Robert Bolivar DePugh, chief Minuteman, at his national headquarters office in nearby Norborne, Mo.

The post-election issue, circulated to members this week, urges all other organizations on the far right to recognize the alleged futility of resort to the ballot in the future. It says:

"Among the weak-kneed conservatives many will be shaking their heads sadly and saying, 'we simply must win in 1968.' I hope the readers of this newsletter are not naive. We are not going to have a free election in 1968."

Mr. DePugh, in the unsigned article, suggests that "unilateral disarmament" by the United States now will proceed so fast that "we need not concern ourselves with the 1968 election at all."

## Supported Goldwater

"In all the conservative movement you cannot find another organization that worked harder than the Minutemen have to elect Barry Goldwater," he asserted.

"Literally millions of pieces of campaign literature were distributed by our members. Our members worked as volunteers in many local Republican headquarters."

He said they had done so because "thousands of other con-

## Urge All 'Conservatives' to Join Underground Army to 'Defend' America

make this last political effort."

Mr. DePugh, who resigned from the John Birch Society in a dispute over effectiveness of methods for dealing with what both groups see as a Communist conspiracy to enslave the nation, offered this formula in the newsletter:

"The Communists are winning by infiltration, subversion and psychological warfare. We must turn our enemies' own tactics against them."

## New Members Sought

Enclosed with the newsletter were membership application forms that members were urged to distribute to conservatives.

Among other things, recruits are asked whether they feel they would be most effective as a "member of combat team," in "intelligence or espionage work," or in "communications, weapons, medical..."

Since the Minutemen were organized four years ago, members have had several scrapes with the law on charges of violating firearms statutes. A wide variety of weapons have

been confiscated. Membership is secret, but has been variously estimated at "a few thousand" to 100,000. The current campaign is for an army of a million operating in guerrilla bands of a dozen or so each.

## Members Supply Guns

Mr. DePugh said last summer that there were more than 25,000 Minutemen and that each member supplied his own rifle, shotgun, sidearms and other "survival" equipment. Each member, he has said, is required to fire at least 500 rounds of ammunition annually at target practice.

The Minutemen came into prominence three years ago when some 20 members attended a "guerrilla warfare seminar" at Shiloh, in southern Illinois. Weapons ranging from ordinary rifles to 81-mm. mortars and 75-mm. recoilless rifles were involved. Sheriff's deputies arrested a man described as a district Minuteman coordinator and chief supplier of the weapons on a firearms violation charge that subsequently was dismissed by a magistrate.

Mr. DePugh has also said that the Minuteman movement is open to anyone not connected with a subversive organization. There were said to be no restrictions as to age, sex or physical condition.

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Dear Sir:

The names of both you and your wife were given to me as potential fervent members of the Minutemen. I understand that the both of you are ardent disciples of the ideologies and principles of the Minutemen.

Our plans are to have secret units in all the fifty states. We intend to open a headquarters in New York State in the very near future.

Through a mutual friend I am advised that your wife is a very militant person and we would like her to be the leader encompassing the following counties: Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, Delaware and Dutchess. You will be apprised of our movements.

A meeting is being scheduled in Orange County soon. Upon notification we expect that both of you will be there. Please bring your own guns.

Yours very truly,

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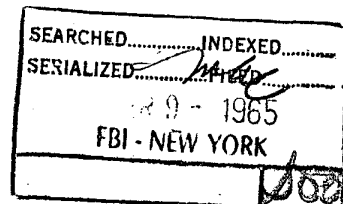
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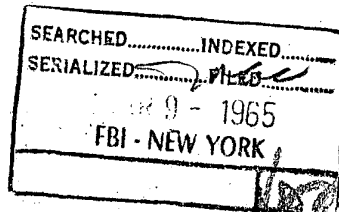
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# Memorandum

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FROM : SA [redacted] *Supper RA*

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On 12/22/64 [redacted]

[redacted] advised he had received no additional information concerning the above and to his knowledge no meeting had been held in Middletown, NY.

On 2/1/65 [redacted] said she and her husband had received nothing additional concerning the Minutemen and no one had contacted her. She said she was shaken by receiving the original information which they furnished the FBI and if any additional information came to them she would immediately notify the FBI. She said she never heard that any meeting was held. She said she could recall no friends or contacts in Colorado who may have sent the letter as a prank.

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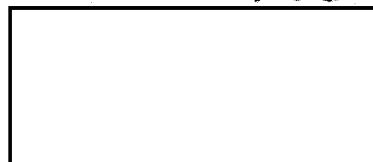
Offices receiving instant communication are instructed to furnish the Bureau and Kansas City, by return airtel, a listing of, under appropriate headings, the names of all individuals who have been identified as active "Minutemen" and all individuals who have been identified as potential "Minutemen."

1 - Kansas City (62-7797) (Info)

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To: SAC, Albany (100-18811)

From: Director, FBI (62-107261)

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INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)  
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The Bureau has received information that the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) is to conduct hearings on the "Minutemen" organization at some future date. The dates when, and localities where, these hearings will commence are not yet known to the Bureau.

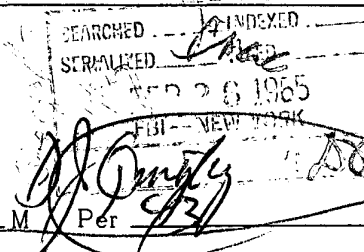
In order that the Bureau will have current information regarding the "Minutemen" at the time these hearings commence, all offices receiving this communication are instructed to either submit immediately an up-to-date report or, if their investigation has been completed, to notify the Bureau by letter of this fact or the fact they have no additional information to report. Copies of all communications should be furnished Kansas City, office of origin in this matter.

The following instructions are set forth for your guidance:

It is anticipated that these hearings will be afforded considerable publicity in the press, radio and television.

2 - All Offices

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RE: "MINUTEMEN"  
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The Bureau does not desire that Agent personnel be assigned to cover these hearings. You are not to initiate liaison with HCUA representatives; however, you should remain alert for any information concerning this matter which comes to your attention, and such information should immediately be brought to the Bureau's attention.

In every case in which an individual, who was previously investigated under the "Minutemen" caption, is to be subpoenaed before the Committee, your files should be reviewed and the investigation brought up to date. A report suitable for dissemination should be submitted in each case where warranted. In an instance where a report is not believed warranted, you are to submit a letter advising why a report will not be submitted. This letter should reflect the date of the last report, as well as a statement that you possess no current information concerning the individual.

You should make certain that pertinent reports have been appropriately disseminated.

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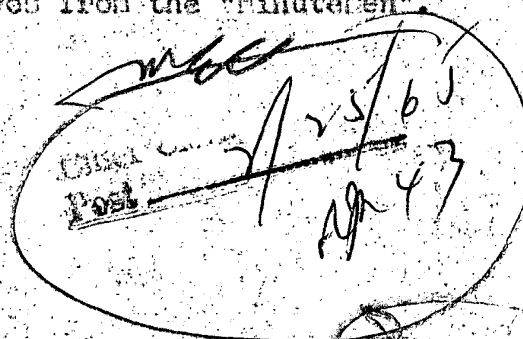
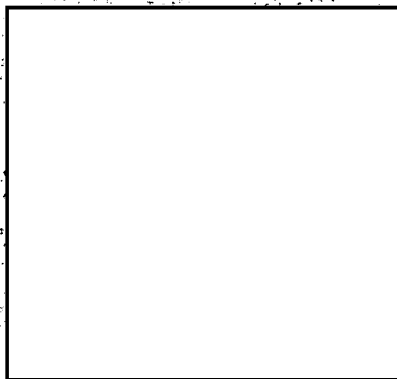
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SUBJECT: "MINUTEMEN"  
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ReBuairtel, 2/18/65.

The NYO has not identified any individuals as active "Minutemen" or as potential "Minutemen".

However, the following individuals at one time had received identification numbers from the "Minutemen", indicating that they were considered members by the "Minutemen". All of these individuals have claimed they have disassociated themselves from the "Minutemen".



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (62-12699)

DATE: 1/13/65

FROM : SA JOHN V. GRIFFIN

SUBJECT: "MINUTEMEN"  
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Re FD-203, 1/5/65.

On 1/13/65, ALICE GEIS, 184 Garfield Ave., M,neola, L.I., N.Y. was contacted at her residence by the writer. Mrs. GEIS lives on the second floor of a two story residence.

Mrs. GEIS answered the door bell and when the writer identified himself said to wait a minute and closed the door. She then appeared and the interview took place on the landing of the second floor under a dim light.

Mrs. GEIS when queried about the "Minutemen" asked why she was being contacted and when advised that the writer was seeking information about this organization and her name was suggested, stated that she is a staunch anti-communist and she receives literature not only from the captioned organization but also other anti-communist organizations. She admitted that she is in accord with the anti-communist stand of the "Minutemen" but is not a member. She also denied receiving instructions from the "Minutemen" as to how to react if contacted by the FBI but during the course of the interview asked the writer for his name three times.

Mrs. GEIS stated that she has long admired the Bureau and Mr. HOOVER for the FBI's fight against communism but believes that sometimes the Bureau's hands are tied in their fight against communism.

Efforts to elicit information from Mrs. GEIS as to her background met with negative results. Mrs. GEIS stated that she did not have to give out any information about herself. She did admit she had been married and had been residing at this address for 18 years. She then went into a long tirade about her neighbors whom she accused of having harassed her over the years. She stated they were all in the pay of the communists and she knows they are communists because she can tell a communist by looking at them. She stated that on one occasion she made a speech from the front porch of her house in which she accused all the neighbors of being communists and stated further from the top of her voice so that all could hear that all the women were prostitutes and all had their children seized. ~~She stated that~~ She advised that she told the FBI about this but nothing was done about it.

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Mrs. GEIS refused to furnish any information about her background stating she did not have to divulge this information to the FBI. She did admit that she has been disabled with an injury, the nature of which she refused to disclose, for over twelve years.

It was noted that Mrs. GEIS spoke in a high pitched voice that bordered on hysteria at times. She also wears a neck brace.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (62-12699)  
ATTENTION SA DANIEL J. QUIGLEY #43

FROM : SA William A. Flynn, Jr  
RA White Plains

SUBJECT: MINUTEMEN  
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DATE: March 15, 1965

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Attached are several pieces of literature received by [redacted] from the captioned organization. This material was received from [redacted] on 3/15/65. It consists principally of some inspirational material including a questionnaire which he is requested to fill out to indicate whether or not he plans to continue membership. It appears to be an attempt by the captioned organization to weed out inactive individuals. [redacted] has no intention of supporting this organization in any way. It is noted that the material was mailed to him from Syracuse, N.Y. This material may be retained and will not have to be returned to this source.

It also includes a self-addressed return envelope on which is printed "Biolab Corporation, Norborne, Missouri."

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To \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Fellow Patriot:

We all feel that we have learned a lot during the four years since our organization was formed. Much of it has been learned the hard way -- through our own mistakes. Some things we have been fortunate enough to learn from others.

Our studies of other underground organizations have convinced us of these three facts:

- (1) The defeat of patriotic resistance movements are practically never caused by the superiority of their enemies forces or equipment.
- (2) Only rarely has the defeat of an underground army been due to poor military tactics on their part.
- (3) The most common reason for the defeat of underground forces has been their failure to learn and practice the fundamental skills of intelligence, security, propaganda, and recruiting.

Some of our own worst mistakes have involved our early preoccupation with guerrilla warfare tactics and our failure to give proper consideration to these fundamentals.

To help correct this situation, we have asked a number of specialists in our organization to develop a short but effective training program which our members can take on a correspondence basis.

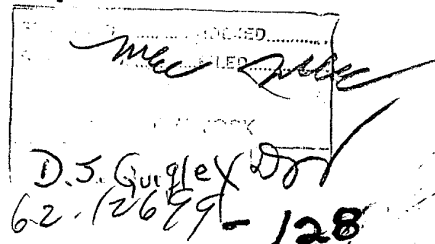
We consider this training so important that for the past few months all new recruits have been kept on a provisional basis while taking this program. Full membership has been reserved for those who are skillful and dedicated enough to complete this preliminary training successfully. While we are not insisting that our "old" members take this training, we are sure everyone can benefit by doing so.

If you would like to begin this correspondence program, send in the enclosed form properly completed to the National headquarters or to the regional coordinator whose identification number and mail-drop address is indicated thereon.

Cordially yours,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

WE WILL NEVER SURRENDER



## A SHORT HISTORY OF THE MINUTEMEN

In June 1960 a group of ten sportsmen leased a small lake in Missouri and organized a duck hunting club. The next Sunday they started building duck blinds around the lake. Someone mentioned the current international crisis and another man said jokingly, "Well, if the Russians invade us, we can come up here and fight on as a guerrilla band".

It would have probably ended right there but one of the members who had special forces training remarked that it might not hurt Americans to know a little more about defending themselves if this war ever degenerates to a last ditch stand. The next Sunday he brought along some of his training manuals that were read with interest by the other members. Slowly the joke turned into a serious project.

Most books on guerrilla warfare have been written by persons with deep political convictions and we found that as we studied strategy and tactics we also became increasingly concerned with the world political situation.

To a group of average Americans it came as a shock to suddenly realize that in the seventeen previous years the communists had succeeded in taking over 17 sovereign nations. We were surprised also to learn that only one had been taken over by military conquest. The other sixteen were lost to communism by internal subversion or negotiation. We began to wonder why and by what right two presidents of the United States agreed to turn over to the communists several independent nations in Eastern Europe and considerable territory belonging to our Chinese allies without ever asking the people of those countries who they wanted to be governed by.

This was a case of ten average Americans gradually waking up. Gradually beginning to doubt whether or not our own government had done everything that should have been done to stem the tide of communist conquest.

At first we tried to learn the answer from the printed literature of other conservative organizations and by inquiries to our Congressmen and Senators. Still we didn't feel satisfied. Therefore, we decided to start out on a six months project. Each one of us took some particular phase of the problem as his object for special study. We really dug for the facts. Each one of us spent all of that six months reading, studying, researching the libraries and joining various other organizations to learn what their proposed answer to the problem might be.

We also began infiltrating various left-wing organizations to see what makes them effective and how it is that the communists can dupe so many otherwise sensible people into doing their work for them.

Later we held a four day meeting to exchange information and during which we came to the following conclusion:

1. Our diplomatic war against communism has already been lost by bunglers or traitors within our own government. Our enemies have been strengthened through unnecessary lend lease and foreign aid arrangements. Our traditional allies have been snubbed and alienated from us. By subscribing to and translating newspapers from several foreign countries we learned that other nations of the free world do not trust the leaders of American government to protect even their fellow Americans from communism.

2. This diplomatic war has been and continues to be lost by appointed government officials beyond the reach of public opinion.

3. We cannot win a diplomatic war against communism abroad until we first establish a genuinely pro-American government here at home.

4. We also decided that a pro-American government could no longer be established by normal political means. In this one respect our conclusions differ from those of most conservative movements. There has not been one presidential election since World War II where the American public has had an opportunity to vote for a real American. There have been times when the candidates were built up by big public relations campaigns that sold them to the American people but when they were once in office they failed to act in their nation's best interest. Even the defeated candidates for president have shown by subsequent events to be little or no better than those elected. In each case the people have merely had an opportunity to vote for whoever they thought might be the lesser of two evils... usually a choice between two "internationally minded" members of the CFR.

5. The minority vote blocks, controlled labor unions and corrupt political machines so completely monopolize the American political scene that there is no chance for the average American citizen to regain control of his own destiny at the ballot box. All the media of mass communication are effectively controlled by the enemy so they can make the people think whatever they want them to think. Even if we could awaken enough Americans to the true facts and get out the vote for a really patriotic candidate then we must expect from past lessons that those votes would be stolen.

6. Having come to these conclusions we decided that any further effort, time or money spent in trying to save our country by political means would be wasted and that we would be better off spending these limited resources on something that actually had a little chance of victory.

7. We learned that the leaders of most other conservative organizations privately agree that it is politically impossible to elect a conservative government. Many of them, however, continue to hope that they can build up "public opinion" into such a strong force that it will prevent our elected government officials from actually selling us out to the enemy. Here again we concluded that further efforts to alert public opinion would be largely wasted. A politician cares nothing about public opinion except as it may bring him votes or lose him votes. If he has enough votes guaranteed by labor, political and minority interests, then he doesn't give a hoot about public opinion and will not be restrained by it.

8. In this short review we cannot start to even summarize the facts, data and logic which brought us to these conclusions. In fact, we did not want to accept these conclusions, but we felt they were forced on us by the facts. We concluded that the American people are moving inexorably toward a time of total control and frustration such as must have been felt by the people of Budapest and East Germany when they finally staged their suicidal revolts.

Therefore, the objectives of the Minutemen are to abandon wasteful, useless efforts and begin immediately to prepare for the day when Americans will once again fight in the streets for their lives and their liberty. We feel there is overwhelming evidence to prove that this day must come.

Suppose even that we could somehow win by peaceful political means. Is it logical to assume that a group of people who have come this close to conquering the world will give up and withdraw simply because they lose an election? If we do not fight them, then they will certainly fight us.

The 1960 annual report of the Committee on Un-American Activities states:

"Events of the past year have provided convincing evidence that the American people cannot rely completely on this country's armed forces to protect themselves from communist domination and slavery." Certainly this statement is truer now than the day it was written.

Most people unfamiliar with the past accomplishments of underground warfare would certainly conclude that the American people would stand little chance of fighting through to ultimate victory if our armed forces were defeated or turned over to the United Nations-- perhaps, even to fight against their own country. Events indicate just the opposite.

History offers many examples of far larger and better equipped armies that were finally defeated by guerrillas. They can fight on for years, even for generations. Guerrilla bands can fight in the cities, country, forests, swamps, deserts or, mountains. They are everywhere and yet nowhere. They strike without warning and vanish without a trace. They take away with them the arms, food and ammunition they will need to fight again another day.

History also proves another surprising fact: With each increase in the power and destructive potential of the conventional weapons of war, guerrilla warfare becomes more effective rather than less effective. One of the reasons for this is easily seen. The more powerful an army's weapons become the further away the enemy must be before they dare to fire their weapons at him. The more a nation relies on these big weapons the more defenseless they become against infiltrators, saboteurs and double agents within their own ranks.

Another reason for the surprising strength of underground warfare is that it utilizes the people's full defensive potential, men and women, young and old, fighting in the territory they know best-- fighting for their own.

The Minutemen are not interested in any activity that simply wakes a few people up while the mass of the population remains hypnotized in front of their television sets or which elects an occasional patriotic congressman while our enemies elect their stooges by the dozens. We believe that anyone who will study the situation carefully and who is willing to face the facts must admit that such activity is useless.

Neither are we defeatists. We have no idea of fighting a last ditch stand. We have a strategy which we believe can be effective and which can lead ultimately to victory. Only one thing is essential. You must start preparing NOW! Our future battle will be won or lost before the first shot is fired.

We do not want lukewarm members. We are an organization of people willing to make any sacrifice necessary for our country. Anyone else that really feels this way about it is welcome to join us.

### MINUTEMEN TRAINING PROGRAM

It would be a mistake to think that our enemies have one set plan for world conquest. They are maintaining many continuous attacks on many fronts at the same time-- military, political and psychological; both internal and external. They are continuously probing for weak spots in the defenses of the free world. During the past twenty years so many openings have been left to them by the stupidity and collusion of Western leaders that they have been able to advance almost at will.

There is little we can do to change this situation at this time. Rather than deplete our limited resources on futile attempts to do so, we must concentrate on building a workable anti-communist underground army based on realities rather than wishful thinking and organized on the tried and proven principles of underground warfare.

The communists have forty years experience in suppressing anti-communist guerrilla activity. If we are to fight them successfully-- if we are to hold out until the final victory of freedom over tyranny-- then our underground army is going to have to be the most skillful and the most dedicated that the world has ever known. There is only one kind of member that can qualify for such an army-- the very best.

This will require intensive training and practice. There is no short cut to perfection. By drawing on the talents of several of our more experienced members we think we now have a training program that can develop that kind of underground army.

In this program four different types of training will be involved:

- a. Correspondence and printed material.
- b. Tape recordings, picture slides, charts, etc. sold or loaned to bands or individuals.
- c. Actual experience-- "On the job" training by carrying out assignments under supervision of more experienced operators.
- d. Training maneuvers-- Due to the difficulty of keeping large training meetings secret we have decided that in the future such training sessions will be held only for small select groups that have already completed sufficient preliminary training by other means.

#### PHASE I

#### INTELLIGENCE, SECURITY AND PROPAGANDA

Phase I of this training program is designed to give our members basic knowledge and practice in intelligence, security and propaganda. This first phase is basic preparation for advanced training in these three important activities which will be dealt with in greater detail further on in the training program.

## INTELLIGENCE:

Guerrilla warfare, as we customarily think of it, cannot succeed unless it is supported by a well developed underground comprising all the essential functions of intelligence, security, propaganda, communications, supply, medical services, etc.

Of all these, intelligence is most important. Let's consider one example: Suppose you picked up a telephone book, opened it up to any page at random, closed your eyes and put your finger on one name. Now suppose you read that name for the first time and said to yourself, "Sometime in the next 30 days I'm going to kill this man".

Consider the situation-- one man, picked at random is marked for death. He might be the most powerful, the wealthiest, the most influential man in that city but none of these things would help him in the least. He would be defenseless. Why? Because you would have one thing that he did not have-- intelligence. You would know his identity and he would not know yours. So long as that condition continued there would be no possible way in which he could arrange an adequate defense against you.

Exactly the same situation exists between ourselves and our communist-socialist enemies. Our success will be directly proportionate to our knowledge of them and inversely proportionate to their knowledge of us.

Whatever a member's principal job may be in the underground army he must have a basic knowledge of intelligence techniques. This subject is therefore the first to be considered in our training program.

The word, "intelligence" when used in a military sense refers to those methods that can be used to gain useful information. We usually think of this as knowledge of the enemy but it also includes information about the terrain, general population, available supplies and all other facts that will help in planning future activities.

Intelligence is roughly divided into three parts:

A. Observation. During a hot war this includes scouting and patrolling, observation of enemy troop movements, etc. On the cold war front this includes shadowing of enemy personnel, surveillance of enemy offices, tapping of telephones, interception of messages, etc.

B. Research and Analysis. Collecting and cataloging all possible useful information from general sources, newspapers, radio, trade magazines, etc.; then matching up isolated scraps of information until an accurate picture is obtained of some situation that would not otherwise be known.

C. Espionage. This involves the placing or recruiting of agents within the enemy personnel where they can learn the enemy's plans first hand, steal the enemies documents or materials, influence or misdirect the enemies plans or policies.

As was pointed out in our bulletin "To Prospective Members of the Minutemen", a Minuteman must be a good observer, a good reporter, and a good broadcaster.

Suppose you had a chance to see some important document for just a few minutes. How quickly could you scan it for its essential content? How well could you separate the important from the unimportant. Could you record this information in a written message that can be easily read and will not be misinterpreted?

Imagine that you are the leader of a patrol sent forward to observe and track an enemy column prior to a possible ambush. From time to time you will need to send back your observations in written form. Each Minuteman must develop the ability to put his thoughts on paper in such a way that they will be easily read and unmistakable.

The first two projects are designed to give the new member an opportunity to test these skills while learning (or reviewing) basic elements of espionage activity.

When these have been completed more advanced material will be furnished to the member directly. Useful intelligence projects of increasing complexity and importance will be assigned to those wishing to specialize in this work.

#### SECURITY:

It is obvious what a great advantage we can gain over our enemies by proper information about their plans and activities. It is equally true that much of this advantage will be lost unless we can keep our plans and activities secret from them. This is the basic purpose of all security activities. Overall security operations of an underground movement can be divided into five basic parts:

- (a) Protecting the identity of underground personnel and their families.
- (b) Keeping secret the location, movements and plans of guerrilla bands.
- (c) Keeping secret the location of guerrilla headquarters, alternate hideouts and supply depots.
- (d) Protecting the identity of civilians, or individual members of the enemy population that are friendly to underground forces.
- (e) Maintaining secrecy of communications.

As we have already said it is difficult to even guess what forms the coming conflict will take. Nevertheless the strategy of all successful underground movements must satisfy three basic principles:

First, is the "Principle of Deliberate Delay". During this stage the underground gathers its forces, checks its security, prepares its intelligence, establishes its lines of communications and waits for the enemy to become complacent and overconfident.

Second, is the "Principle of Provocation". At the beginning of this stage only a few real patriots are willing to take part in underground activity. The vast majority of the population is still wishfully thinking that they can "get along" with the oppressive forces. They want only to be left alone and will not take action until they are personally threatened. During this stage the underground conducts a series of actions which provoke the enemy forces into making harsh repressive measures on the general population. This turns the general population against the occupying forces and convinces them that the underground is really their only hope.

Stage 3 may be called "Principle of Natural Allies". When the government's action against the general population becomes sufficiently brutal then large numbers of people will be willing to help or join the underground. Their reasons for doing so may be numerous and their ideology may not always be the same as the basic underground movement. During this stage minor differences between different underground groups must be minimized and all of our natural allies must be rallied to the cause of freedom.

The intelligence branch of our organization is well aware of the communist infiltration and control of the present United States government. It can rightly be said that we are now partially controlled by a foreign ideology. Thus, we are already engaged in Phase I of this conflict. How long this will continue until open warfare breaks out is anyone's guess. Once again, the best prediction of our intelligence department is that Stage II will last for several months, perhaps even years. This will be a time of assassination and counter assassination, terror and counter terror. During this phase the "average citizen" may avoid direct conflict at the price of his dignity and individual freedom. Known patriots will be in extreme danger.

For most people membership in the Minutemen will not materially increase their danger during this time. For many years our enemies have carefully catalogued the name and address of every person who has ever written a patriotic letter to a newspaper. The membership lists of the more prominent "conservative" organizations have long been available to communist infiltrators in these organizations.

Continued activity and membership in other conservative organizations by members of the Minutemen is desirable in many cases but those individuals should not identify themselves as Minutemen. For most of our own members it will be best if you do not take part in the activities of these other organizations. Although many of you are already "marked" men a certain degree of security can still be achieved by quietly dropping out of other right-wing activities and keeping your membership in the Minutemen secret from all except your most trusted fellow members.



There may come a time when the average American is still able to go about his business with little regimentation but during which you as a known or suspected patriot, may be sought out for arrest or assassination.

Project III listed at the end of this chapter may make it possible for the organization to contact you and render assistance should you ever find it necessary to go into hiding with little advance notice.

Project IV is a first step toward learning more about your enemies and at the same time, confusing them as to which side you are really on.

#### PROPAGANDA:

Another essential function of the underground is to convincingly inform the general public of what they stand for and thus gain the support of the general population. This must be done through propaganda, both written and spoken. Under conditions of enemy occupation the spreading of anti-communist propaganda would obviously be very dangerous. Even now there are certain phases of our propaganda effort that is best done by surreptitious means. Thus, observation, communication and propaganda are three elementary duties of every underground member.

At the present time we are engaged in a propaganda war. Never before has propaganda been so important to the ultimate outcome of a major conflict. The ultimate object of any war is to force your desires on the minds of your enemies. Our enemies are attempting to do this by the non-violent means of psychological warfare.

Phase II of this training program will give heavy emphasis to the principles and actual use of propaganda warfare.

Project V is designed to get our members started on this phase of activity as quickly as possible. When you have completed Projects I, II, III, IV, and V, further activities along this line will be assigned to you.

Get started on these projects and get them finished as soon as possible. Our lives and our freedom depend on how well we are trained. The enemy is moving fast and we have no time to lose.

## MINUTEMEN TRAINING PROGRAM

### Project No. 1

Look over the various books in your local public library that have been written on intelligence and espionage. Select two that seem best and read them carefully.

### Project No. 2

Write a brief outline of these two books and send it to the National Headquarters or to your Regional Coordinator.

### Project No. 3

Get in touch with one trusted friend that you do not ordinarily see too often. Preferably one that does not live in your present neighborhood. Inform him that he may, in the future, receive letters with an inner envelope with your name on it. Make sure he will keep these envelopes confidential and will secretly pass them on to you or hold them until you can pick them up. Let us know this alternate address in case we need to contact you in extreme circumstances.

### Project No. 4

Make necessary preparations to use a fictitious name for receipt of left-wing literature and correspondence. An important part of each member's duties is to keep yourself and our organization informed on every activity in your area.

A phoney organization that includes the word "Peace" as part of its name is always a suitable cover. The address can be a P.O. Box, that of a friend, or even your own address. Mail several letters to the name and address you decide on to get the postal employees accustomed to it now. Then you will be ready to use it for the real thing.

### Project No. 5

While working in the library, place the enclosed "Join the Minutemen" leaflets in between the pages of various books where they will be found and read by others.

## MINUTEMEN TRAINING PROGRAM

### Phase I

#### Work Project No. 6

We want to make certain that all our members who are beginning this training program fully understand the principles for which the Minutemen stand and the programs which we feel will offer the best means of defending both our national sovereignty and our individual freedoms.

Therefore, we ask each member to read again the booklet, "The Minutemen-America's Last Line of Defence Against Communism". Then answer the questions on this form and return it to your regular mail drop.

1. Why is it that the American people cannot rely entirely on our armed forces to protect us against communism?

2. What is the main purpose for which the communists have organized so many "peace" organizations?

3. Why is it that the average citizen is not able to recognize the pro-communist propaganda that he reads in most newspapers and many popular magazines?

4. List the countries which were turned over to the communists under the terms of the Yalta agreement?

5. Why do you think the Russian government wanted the United Nations to be located in the United States rather than in the Soviet Union?

6. In looking over the ten points of the Minutemen Program, which three points do you feel are most important for us to work hard on at this time?

PRACTICAL SECURITY MEASURES

1. Use deceptive measures. Subscribe to one or more left-wing periodicals or get on the mailing list of some "peace movement" This will keep the postal inspectors guessing as to which side you are really on. See the December issue of On Target for names and addresses of many left-wing organizations or write to National Headquarters for this information. While doing this our members can be of great assistance in searching this left-wing literature for names and addresses of fellow travelers and forwarding this information for our Central Intelligence files. We desperately need people to assist in this work. Please inquire as to detailed instructions for such activity.

2. Always use two envelopes in sending mail to any patriotic organization or to any other member of our own organization. Do not put a return address on the outer envelope. Put your return address on the inside envelope with the words, "Return postage guaranteed".

3. Place some opaque material such as tin foil, carbon paper, etc. between the inner and outer envelopes to prevent your mail from being read by infra-red cameras.

4. Send all letters from corner mail boxes or from post offices where you are not known.

5. Be careful in the use of the telephone. Avoid telephone calls to National Headquarters or to known members of the organization as much as possible.

6. Prepare telephone codes ahead of time for future protection.

7. In recruiting new members always learn as much as you can about the prospective recruit and make sure he is not an infiltrator. before you identify yourself as a member of the organization.

8. Members of the organization in each area should be divided into four groups.

A. Those who have been identified publicly or by law enforcement agencies as members of the Minutemen.

B. Those persons not known as members of this organization but who are generally known as being patriots.

C. Those persons who have kept their political beliefs hidden.

D. Members who profess to be liberal for the purpose of infiltrating enemy organizations.

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All members should be very careful in making contact with persons in a different category than themselves. For example, people in Class D should be very secret in their contacts and communications with persons of Class A or Class B. Each member must respect the security of every other member. Do not, under any circumstances, identify one member of the organization even to other members without his expressed permission on each and every occasion.

9. Avoid loose talk. Do not discuss organizational plans in public places where you could be overheard. Do not even hint at such a discussion in the presence of non-members.

10. Do not write patriotic letters to newspapers or magazines under your own name. To do so achieves very little except to identify you to the enemy.

11. If you are already known as a patriot, or as a member of this organization you may find it advisable to spread the rumor that you have become disillusioned with the right-wing or for you to pretend a gradual loss of interest.

12. Classify your various members addresses, your communications and your other activities as "top secret", "secret" or "restricted". Use your most secret lines of communication only for the most important messages rather than flooding them with unimportant material.

13. Demand obedience to all security measures from all members. Persistent disregard for security measures should be cause for disciplinary action.

14. Check your lines of communication from time to time by sending phoney messages to make certain they are not intercepted.

15. Change mail drops, meeting places, etc. frequently.

16. Prepare secret rendezvous points, mail drops, etc. now that may be used in time of some future emergency.

17. Each band should assign some member the rank of Security Officer and should set up a system of fines or other penalties for failure to comply with security precautions.

18. Observe the "need to know" rule. Each member should be given only that information which is needed by him in the performance of his duty or which he will need in cooperating with other members of the band. No member should feel "left out" because he is denied such information. Instead every member should willingly avoid information which he does not need.

19. Be careful that you are not followed in going to and from meeting places or in making contact with other members of the organization.

20. Keep all records and correspondence carefully hidden and in a manner that they can be easily destroyed. Records should be kept in code whenever possible.

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# Memorandum

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DATE 08-23-2006 BY 60324 auc baw/cpb/amw

TO : SAC New York

DATE: 3/8/65

FROM : SAC Indianapolis 100-13372

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SUBJECT: "MINUTEMEN"  
IS - INFO. CONCERNING

On 1/15/65, [redacted]

[redacted] furnished the following information:

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He was in the U.S. Army for a period of 17 years and for many years had an interest in amateur radio. During his Army service he became acquainted with JACK BOYCE, a civilian, who was also interested in amateur radio. On several occasions in recent months he has received Minute-men literature from BOYCE which he has not bothered to read. He does not know BOYCE is a member of this organization nor has BOYCE asked him to join.

The last literature he received was mailed to him by BOYCE from Briarcliff Manor, New York, on 12/28/64. He had not planned on reading it, but one of his children opened the envelope in which it was sent. Upon reading some of the material, he was particularly disturbed by what was titled, "Practical Security Measures," and so notified the FBI. BOYCE also sent pamphlets "The Minutemen," "Principles of Guerrilla Warfare," and other material entitled, "A Short History of the Minutemen," and other material, "Minutemen Training Program." In addition, BOYCE sent material published by the John Birch Society. The material received from BOYCE was made available by [redacted] and is enclosed for New York.

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BOYCE, a white male, is approximately 40 years of age and resides with his wife and five children on a rural route out of Katonah, New York. It is [redacted] recollection BOYCE is employed as a copywriter for an advertising agency.

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In the event any investigation is conducted as the result of information furnished by him, it is requested his name not be used.

advised he will make available to the FBI any other material sent to him by BOYCE.

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This information is being furnished to the New York Office in the event BOYCE has not been previously identified as a possible member of the "Minutemen."

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>"MINUTEMEN"</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>DANIEL J. QUIGLEY</b>	TYPED BY <b>dd</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)</b>	

REFERENCES:

Report of SA DANIEL J. QUIGLEY, dated 12/2/64,  
at New York.  
Kansas City letter to Bureau dated 12/18/64.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Of those individuals listed in referenced Kansas  
City letter, a check of credit, criminal and logical sources  
did not contain any information which precluded interview.

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[REDACTED]  
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Will identify subscriber of [REDACTED]  
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DANIEL J. QUIGLEY  
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Field Office File #: "MINUTEMEN"  
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Character: INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Synopsis: In October, 1964, a source made available information which reflected that among those the "Minutemen" had been in contact with or had attempted to contact were: PHILIP BAGETIS, ALICE GEIS, [REDACTED]  
None of these individuals had any information indicating there were units of the "Minutemen" in the NY area. Interviews with aforementioned persons set forth.

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In October, 1964, NY T-1 made available information which reflected that the "Minutemen" had been in contact with or had attempted to contact, the following:

PHILIP BAGETIS  
153 Eastwood Boulevard  
Centereach, Long Island, New York

ALICE GEIS  
184 Garfield Avenue  
Mineola, Long Island, New York

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[REDACTED]

New York, New York

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Yonkers, New York

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Great Neck, New York

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Date 1/28/65

PHILIP G. BAGETIS, 153 Eastwood Boulevard, Centereach, New York, furnished the following information concerning the "Minutemen":

BAGETIS stated that he is a member of the John Birch Society, is a chapter leader and a section leader (leader of three chapters) of that society. He related that ROBERT DE PUGH, the head of the "Minutemen" had been a member of the John Birch Society for a long period of time and about six months ago he was read out of the society because he had been advocating that the members of the society carry firearms. He said that this is against the principles of the John Birch Society; that their aim is to attain their objective by education.

BAGETIS related that he had no knowledge of the aims of the "Minutemen" and a lot of people had been asking him questions about this organization. About four or five months ago, in order to obtain some information, he wrote to the "Minutemen" indicating interest in the organization. In return he received considerable literature which he has since destroyed. After perusing the literature and comparing the methods of the "Minutemen" with those of the John Birch Society, he wrote back to the "Minutemen" and told them that he was not interested in membership in their organization. However, he did send them \$5.00 as a subscription to their publication, "On Target". He has been receiving this publication since. There has been no further exchange of correspondence with the "Minutemen". He stated that he is not a member of the "Minutemen" and he does not know any members of that organization in Suffolk County. He is not aware of the existence of any "Minutemen" units in the area. He said that he does not know the identities of any officer of the "Minutemen" other than DE PUGH.

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by SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR:dbr Date dictated 1/22/65

He said that in his exchange of communications DE PUGH did not solicit firearms or suggest ways or means of obtaining same.

The following is a description of BAGETIS from interview and observation:

Name	PHILIP G. BAGETIS
Residence	153 Eastwood Boulevard Centereach, New York
Former Residence	34 Blacksmith Road, Levittown, New York
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	September 5, 1922
Place of Birth	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Height	5 feet 8 inches
Weight	145 pounds
Build	Slim
Hair	Brown-crew cut
Eyes	Blue
Glasses	Wears glasses
Complexion	Olive
Occupation	Construction Laborer
Marital Status	Married

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1/20/65

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ALICE GEIS, 184 Garfield Avenue, Mineola, Long Island, New York, furnished the following information concerning the "Minutemen".

She stated that she has received literature from the "Minutemen" but did not know how she got on their mailing list. She advised that she is a staunch anti-Communist and is in accord with the anti-Communist stand of the "Minutemen," but is not a member of this organization, has never sent them any money and has not requested any literature from them. She also advised that she never received any instructions from the "Minutemen" as to how to react if contacted by the FBI.

Mrs. GEIS refused to furnish any information about her background, but stated that she has been disabled with an injury, the nature of which she refused to disclose, for over twelve years.

A description of Mrs. GEIS based on observation is as follows:

Name	ALICE GEIS
Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	53-55
Height	5'4"
Weight	125
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blonde streaked with grey
Complexion	Fair
Build	Medium
Peculiarities	High pitched voice, wears neck brace

On 1/13/65 at 184 Garfield Avenue  
Mineola, Long Island, New York File # NY 62-12699

by SA JOHN V. GRIFFIN:awc/mmc Date dictated 1/13/65

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[redacted] New York.  
New York. advised that he is a member of the [redacted]  
[redacted] He advised that the  
club has no formal office but uses the facilities of the  
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He stated that he is very much interested in firearms, particularly rifle shooting as a sport. He is strongly opposed to any legislation which would hinder or prevent a responsible private citizen from owning or using a rifle commensurate of course with the laws of the community.

He stated that approximately 8 or 9 months ago, he does not recall when, he saw an advertisement in a New York newspaper concerning the "Minutemen" and wrote to them out of curiosity.

Subsequently, he made out an application and sent \$5.00 to the "Minutemen". Following this, he received a communication from the "Minutemen", advising him that his identification number was [redacted] and that in the future he should use only this number in identifying himself in any correspondence with the "Minutemen". In addition, he was instructed to send any correspondence to the "Minutemen" addressed to: Occupant, Post Office Box 221, Dewitt, New York.

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[redacted] advised that he received numerous letters containing copies of "On Target", the "Minutemen" publication, instructions for maintaining security, and pamphlets on guerrilla warfare.

[redacted] He stated that about two months ago he had received a letter, as did all [redacted] explaining that among those ultra-right organizations which were anti-semitic, was the "Minutemen".

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He stated that he subsequently wrote to ROBERT DE PUGH, asking asking him about this anti-semetic allegation. DE PUGH answered the letter denying there was any anti-semetism in the "Minutemen".

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[redacted] advised that in spite of this allegation of anti-semetism, he had decided to withdraw from the "Minutemen". He stated that his reason for associating with the "Minutemen" was because of his interest in firearms. He stated he had no interest in participating in a movement which presumed to take responsibility for the internal security of the United States upon itself. He stated that he was opposed to any such type private organization which tried to conduct its affairs in such a secretive manner.

He advised that he has instructed the "Minutemen" to delete his name from their mailing list and to no longer consider him, if he ever was, a member of the "Minutemen".

He stated that he was never contacted by any member of the "Minutemen", and has no information as to the formation of any "Minutemen" units in the New York area. He stated he had no idea if the "Minutemen" have any officers or leaders in the New York area.

The following is a description of [redacted]

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Sex  
Age  
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Marital Status  
Residence

Employment

New York, New York

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On March 29, 1965, Special Agent WILLIAM A. FLYNN after attempting to contact [redacted] at [redacted] was referred to [redacted] at telephone number [redacted]

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On March 29, 1965, [redacted] advised that he is a member of the [redacted]. He stated that as a member of this group, he had conducted an investigation to determine if there was any anti-Semitism by the "Minutemen". He advised that he used the cover name [redacted] in corresponding with the "Minutemen" and received mail from them at his sister's home in [redacted]. He stated that in his opinion, the "Minutemen" were not anti-Semitic and were only concerned with the threat of communism. He stated that he so reported this to his organization. [redacted] advised that he did not join the "Minutemen", had only received their literature and had no information concerning any "Minutemen" units or any individual members of the "Minutemen".

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[redacted] New York advised that he is not a member of "Minutemen", does not know how they got his name and knows nothing at all about the organization. He recalled that he did receive some literature from this organization but threw it away and has not heard from them again. b6 b7C

The following description of [redacted] was obtained during the course of the interview:

Name	[redacted]	
Race	White	
Sex	Male	
Age	[redacted]	
Height	6' 3"	
Weight	140 lbs.	
Eyes	[redacted]	
Build	[redacted]	
Complexion	[redacted]	
Hair	Brown	
Residence	[redacted]	New York
Occupation	[redacted]	New York

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On 1/27/65 at [redacted] New York File # NY 62-12699 b6 b7C  
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By letter dated November 19, 1964, [redacted]

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[redacted] furnished to the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), a letter he had received through the mails. The letter was postmarked November 16, 1964, at Denver, Colorado and contained a copy of an article from the "New York Times" entitled "Minutemen, Upset by G.O.P. Loss, Set New Drive." Typed on the copy of the "New York Times" article was the following note:

"Dear Sir:

"The names of both you and your wife were given to me as potential fervent members of the Minutemen. I understand that the both of you are ardent disciples of the ideologies and principles of the Minutemen.

"Our plans are to have secret units in all fifty states. We intend to open a headquarters in New York State in the very near future.

"Through a mutual friend I am advised that your wife is a very militant person and we would like her to be the leader encompassing the following counties: Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, Delaware and Dutchess. You will be apprised of our movements.

"A meeting is being scheduled in Orange County soon. Upon notification we expect that both of you will be there. Please bring your own guns.

"Yours very truly

"/s/ [redacted]

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On December 22, 1964, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he had received no additional information concerning the above and to his knowledge no meeting had been held in Middletown, New York.

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On February 1, 1965, [ ] advised SA [ ] that she and her husband had received nothing additional concerning the "Minutemen" and no one had contacted her. She advised that neither she nor her husband have ever had anything to do with the "Minutemen". She said she could not recall any friends or contacts in Colorado who may have sent the letter as a prank.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York

April 8, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 62-107261  
NYfile 62-12699

Title "Minutemen"

Character Information Concerning  
(Internal Security)

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Daniel J. Quigley, dated and captioned as above at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

NY T-1 was in a position to furnish reliable information.

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Date 3/15/65

PHILIP BAGETIS, 153 Eastwood Boulevard, Centereach, N.Y. telephonically advised that during the evening of 3/13/65 he received a long distance phone call from a person, male, who did not identify himself and did not say where he was calling from. This individual asked BAGETIS if he had reconsidered his position with respect to membership in the "Minutemen". When BAGETIS advised the caller that he had not changed his mind the caller hung up.

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On 3/13/65 at phone from Centereach, N.Y. File # 62-12699 -134  
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## CALIFORNIA URGED TO BAN EXTREMISM

Attorney General Calls Hate  
Groups 'Threat to Peace'

By GLADWIN HILL

Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, April 12—State Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch reported to the Legislature today that "private army" organizations representing themselves as patriotic groups constituted "a threat to the peace and security of our state" and should be outlawed.

He cited in particular the Minutemen, the Black Muslims, the American Nazi party, the National States Rights party and the California Rangers.

The Attorney General's report culminated four years of undercover investigation of the activities of these organizations in California and elsewhere.

The recommendation was made to the State Senate Judiciary Committee, which will open hearings tomorrow on a bill to ban paramilitary organizations. The bill would not apply to groups such as recognized veterans organizations.

The report said the private army organizations were very small in membership and influence and made up largely of anti-Negro and anti-Semitic extremists. However, it observed that Adolf Hitler's Nazi movement in Germany had started on the same small scale.

### Doctrines Called 'Violent'

"They embrace violent racial and political doctrines," the report declared. "They have lost faith in our system of government. They continually plot armed activity while skirting outright sedition."

Although some of the groups largely confine themselves to disseminating race hatred, Mr. Lynch observed, the Minutemen—a national organization with headquarters in Norborne, Mo.—openly espouses revolutionary views.

"They are led," he said, "by men who have publicly stated: 'When our constitutional government is threatened we are morally justified in resorting to violence to discourage Communists and their fellow-travelers.'"

No details of the investigation were disclosed. It is known, however, that state agents infiltrated the organizations, kept close surveillance over their activities, and gathered information from former members of their fluctuating rank-and-file following.

The Minutemen's announced objective of marshaling 20,000 members by next fall across the country, the report said, "can be discounted as completely unrealistic."

The American Nazi party, it was estimated, would have trouble mobilizing as many as 150 "storm troopers" nationally. The National States Rights party—with headquarters in Birmingham, Ala.—was cited as reporting a total income in 1963 of only \$44,201.

The California Rangers organization was said to be closely linked in views, activities and personnel with several right-wing groups sparked by the Rev. Wesley Albert Swift of Lancaster, Calif., chiefly the 20-year-old Church of Jesus Christ—Christian, with units in a number of California cities.

Named as an intimate of Mr. Swift was Col. William P. Gale, United States Army (retired), "who in World War II served under General MacArthur in organizing guerrilla forces in the Philippines."

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**ROGERS REPORTS:**

# **Minutemen: New Headache for U.S.**

By WARREN ROGERS

**W**ASHINGTON: A small group of ultra-right vigilantes who are convinced the Communists will control the United States in 25 years is stockpiling weapons, practicing guerrilla warfare, and causing increased concern to the American government.

They call themselves Minutemen and their slogan is, "We will never surrender!"

Their headquarters is in the office of the Biolab Corporation, which makes veterinary pharmaceuticals, in the town of Norborne, Mo. But lately they have cropped up in Southern California, to be branded by State Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch as a "threat to the peace and security" of California.

Robert Bolivar DePugh, owner of the Biolab Corporation, is the guiding light behind the Minutemen. He and nine others founded it five years ago, allegedly while hunting ducks.

DePugh calls himself national coordinator of the Minutemen and chairman of the executive council, composed of himself and the nine other founding fathers.

Minutemen are convinced the U.S. government is Communist-infiltrated. They believe the Communists will take over in a quarter-century. And then,



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as they see it, they will come out of hiding, with arms squirreled ~~away over~~ the years, to kill off Communists and rescue the rest of us.

They are staunchly opposed to any laws preventing or controlling private ownership of weapons. They slip away to armed training sessions and field maneuvers in guerrilla warfare, subversion, sabotage, camouflage, night patrols, booby traps, and so on.

They are expected to own a gun and know how to use it, against the day when, as they see it, they start killing Communists. Above all, they insist on obtaining and hiding away quantities of food, ammunition, and equipment useful for survival under emergency conditions.

Minutemen spend a lot of time disseminating propaganda. But they devote more time to keeping tabs on just about everything and everybody, since, under their credo, everything and everybody are potentially Communist. They are supposed to keep headquarters posted on developments in their areas.

They keep in touch privately and through publications, such as a monthly newsletter, "On Target," and another monthly, "Minutemen News." They publish pamphlets dealing with guerrilla warfare and related topics. And they put out stickers, such as one which declares, "U.S. forever—U.N. never."

DePugh claims a membership of at least 20,000. Sometimes that seems credible, as when the outfit's bizarre activities come to public attention.

But actual membership, according to informed sources, is probably less than 200.

Nevertheless, it can be reported, the Justice Department is paying close attention. The Minutemen's concern over Communism is considered commendable, but its methods—private Red hunts, private military training, and public disavowal of confidence in the government — are a potential for violence which can not be ignored.

Reprint Headline Service

# Raiders Find Minutemen's Dynamite, Combat School

Washington, June 11 (UPI)—The FBI and Virginia police have uncovered a cache of explosives and a combat obstacle course operated by the self-styled patriotic organization, the Minutemen, in a wooded area 20 miles from Washington.



(Associated Press Wirefoto)

## Army demolition experts examine cache of dynamite.

Virginia State Police Lt. Charles E. Nicholls said today that three FBI agents led a small raiding party to the base about five miles from Woodbridge, Va., yesterday.

Three dozen sticks of dynamite, with fuses and caps, were buried in a shallow hole in a wooded area nearly a mile from any road. Nearby was the combat training school.

The FBI agents "knew exactly" where they were going and where the explosives were hidden, Nicholls said. He said one of the men "just pulled the leaves, and a little dirt back and there was the dynamite."

## Unit From Reading, Pa.

At a Congressional hearing last week, it was disclosed that a Senate staff investigator had infiltrated the Minutemen. It was not announced where, but Sen. Thomas Dodd (D-Conn.), chief proponent of firearms control legislation, indicated it was not far from Washington.

It was reported that members of the Minutemen unit that used the Virginia base also had trained with a similar outfit from Reading, Pa.

The Minutemen, self-styled patriots who say they fear a Communist takeover in this country, have stirred considerable controversy by training guerrilla units.

It was understood that the Washington area Minutemen unit was formed in February and has from 12 to 15 members.

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SUBJECT: MINUTEMEN  
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On 4/1/65, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised the writer that on 3/31/65, she had received a letter in the mail addressed to her. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] which was also postmarked May 31, 1965. She said the postmark was not legible, but it had the first letters of the name Newburgh, "NE", which were legible, and the postmark leading her to believe that it had been mailed in Newburgh, NY, on March 31, 1965, which was the same date on which she received the letter. She said the letter must have been mailed shortly passed midnight in order that she would receive it in the next day's mail. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that the letter contained the following inscription:

"Breath there a man with soul so dead  
Who never to himself had said  
This is my own my native land  
If such there be go mark him well"

[REDACTED] advised that under this inscription was the sentence, "This is to inform you that your name has been duly recorded."

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On the bottom of the paper attached with Scotch tape was a photographic print of a picture of the Minuteman Statue. This statue is a man holding a rifle.

[REDACTED] said that she had read an article in the "New York Times", Thursday, August 6, 1964, captioned, "Minutemen Help Spur the Growth of Gun Clubs, in which it pointed out the leader of Minutemen had recently warned, "Communists and fellow travelers" that "Only their leaders" restrained patriots who had

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learned to hit sparrows at 200 yards with a target rifle. The article advised that the "traitors" should beware because "Even now Cross-Hairs are on the backs of your necks".

[redacted] advised that in view of this article and the letter which she received in the mail, she regarded it as a threat.

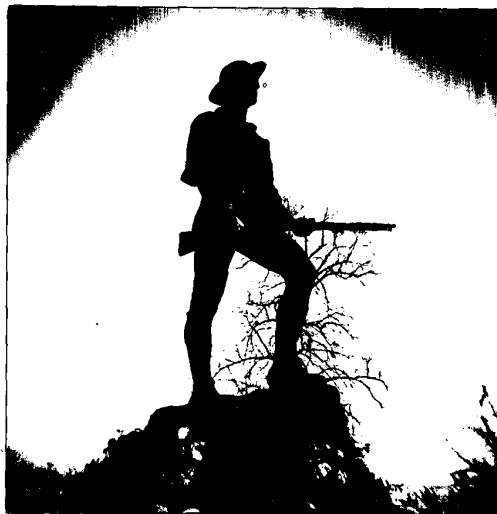
[redacted] said that she had written letters to the editor in a local newspaper in recent past pertaining to the discontinuation of hearing by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. She advised that she believed that these remarks in her letter to the editor which were published in the "Evening News", Newburgh, NY, were responsible for her being sent such a letter. b6 b7C

[redacted] furnished the instant letter and its envelope, which are enclosed herewith, and advised that they need not be returned to her.

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NY, was advised of the above information which was considered by the complainant to be a threat.

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# Dodd Aide Infiltrates Minutemen

By LESLIE H. WHITTEN  
WASHINGTON, June 2.—

A Senate juvenile delinquency subcommittee staff member has infiltrated the militantly right-wing Minutemen and outfitted himself with a heavy-weapons arsenal on their instructions, it was learned today.

The staffer, in his mid-20s, has been a Minuteman for several months. Sen. Thomas Dodd (D-Conn.), chairman of the subcommittee, plans to make public the masquerade today or shortly thereafter.

The Senator is holding hearings today on his bill—backed by the Administration—to stop mail order traffic across state lines of firearms and to restrict imports of surplus military guns.

## THE REASON

The masquerade was to see whether members of "private armies" can buy weapons at will.

Witnesses for today include Washington Police Chief John B. Layton and representatives of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, whose members include Remington Arms, Colt Industries, Smith and Wesson, Browning Arms and many other arms makers, gun publications and others in the munitions field.

The young "Minuteman," acting on Sen. Dodd's orders, enrolled in the militant club using his own name, it was learned.

## GETS DATA

He became a provisional member and began getting instruction on guerrilla tactics and how to form an anti-Communist military unit.

The Minutemen put him in their "combat team and weapons specialist" category, all by mail, and instructed him on how to get arms and ammunition.

Last week, dressed in combat boots and fatigues the "recruit" began putting in his arsenal.

At a New Jersey store, he bought an 81-mm Russian mortar, one Finnish 50-mm mortar, one rocket launcher and one 2.36-mm bazooka, plus inert ammunition. The ammunition can be made usable by a little tinkering and gunpowder. The firing pins in the mortars were intact.

Sen. Dodd's aim in the infiltration, it was learned, was to show that anyone—even members of dangerous right or left-wing groups—can buy ammunition and weapons freely.

He has shown in hearings held May 19-21 that criminals, some with arrests for robbery, can journey from one country to another and buy weapons at will without any check.

## BITTER OPPOSITION

Sen. Dodd's bill, considered mild by some anti-gun legislators, is bitterly opposed by the National Rifle Assn. and some conservationists. It also has been attacked by the National Shooting Sports Foundation Inc., as had Sen. Dodd personally.

The foundation has charged Sen. Dodd with harassment, or spending public funds on a publicity bureau and on turning the taxpayer's dollar against him.

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# Senate Aid Infiltrates Minutemen

By RICHARD MCGOWAN

Washington, June 2 (NEWS Bureau)—A Senate subcommittee operative has infiltrated the Minutemen, the radical nationalist group training for anti-Communist guerrilla warfare in this country, Chairman Thomas Dodd (D-Conn.) revealed today.

Dodd made the disclosure as his juvenile delinquency subcommittee resumed hearings on Administration proposals to control mail order and interstate gun traffic. The legislation has come under heavy fire from sports and hunting organizations.

"Within the last six months, at my direction, one of the principals in this case entered into correspondence with the so-called Minutemen, an organization dedicated to the proposition that 'our diplomatic war against Communism has already been lost by bunglers or traitors within our own government'," Dodd declared.

"The purpose of the Minutemen is to develop a vast underground guerrilla army that will rise to the defense of the U.S. to prevent a Communist takeover of this country."

Dodd said he ordered the cloak-and-dagger operation in an effort to curb the flow into the

U. S. of surplus military weapons, including mortars and tank guns. He refused to disclose the time and place the agent joined the Minutemen, but added: "Within recent days, this person purchased over the counter, with no questions asked, the following items which we have on display in this room today."

## A Russian Mortar

Dodd pointed to an 81mm. Russian mortar, a 15mm. Finnish mortar, a bazooka, a rifle with grenade launcher and grenades, several hand grenades, bazooka rockets and 81mm. shells for the Russian mortar.

"I cite this case today to indicate the ease with which anyone in this country, no matter what his background, his motives, his affiliations or his intentions, can purchase weapons which were designed for the mass destruction of human beings," he said.

Dodd conceded that some provisions of the bill would create hardships on antique gun collectors and some persons living in isolated rural areas.

"I have, therefore, drafted amending legislation covering both of these points, which, I am sure, will meet with the approval of those who objected to these particular provisions during our initial hearings," Dodd said.



Sen. Thomas Dodd  
Has agent in radical right

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## DODD SAYS HE PUT A SPY IN GUN CLUB

Reveals Senate Unit's Agent  
Infiltrated Minutemen

WASHINGTON, June 2 (UPI)

A Senate subcommittee said today that one of its agents had infiltrated the Minutemen, a militant nationalist organization that says it is preparing for guerrilla warfare in this country.

Senator Thomas J. Dodd, chairman of the Juvenile Delinquency subcommittee, made the disclosure at a hearing on proposed legislation to restrict sales of guns.

The Connecticut Democrat also said he was amending the legislation, which he introduced, to avoid possible hardships for antique gun collectors and some persons living in isolated rural areas. But he said the amendments would not change the major goals of the bill.

### Mail-Order Curb Sought

One objective of the bill is to curb the flow into the United States of weapons from abroad. Another is to control interstate mail-order gun sales.

Senator Dodd said he had arranged to have an undercover agent join the Minutemen.

"The purpose of the Minutemen is to develop a vast underground guerrilla army that will rise to the defense of the United States to prevent a Communist

take-over of this country," Mr. Dodd said.

He said the unidentified undercover agent was admitted as a Minuteman member within the last six months and was still a member.

### Easy Gun Purchases

"His major activities with the Minutemen have been designated as (1) member of a combat team, and (2) an expert in weaponry," Mr. Dodd said. "He has received such educational literature as 'A handbook for Saboteurs,' 'The Principles of Guerrilla Warfare,' 'How to Organize an anti-Communist underground Army,' and so forth."

In line with this activity, the Senator said, the agent within recent days had purchased an 81-millimeter Russian mortar, a 15-millimeter Finnish mortar, a 2.36-millimeter bazooka, a rifle with a grenade launcher, rifle grenades and several hand grenades, bazooka rockets and shells for the Russian mortar.

"I cite this case today to indicate the ease with which anyone in this country, no matter what his background, his motives, his affiliations, or his intentions, can purchase weapons which were designed for the mass destruction of human beings," he said.

Representatives of sportsmen's groups objected to portions of the bill. Howard Carter Jr. of New York, representing the National Shooting Sports Foundation, said the measure, in an effort to check crime, "places too many restrictions on the responsible sportsmen."

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## DYNAMITE FOUND NEAR WASHINGTON

Cache Is Said to Be at Site  
of Minuteman Center

WASHINGTON, June 11 (AP)—Virginia police have seized a cache of dynamite in woodlands 20 miles from Washington, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation said today it was at the site of a training camp run by the secret, armed organization called Minutemen.

Sheriff Ralph D. Shumate of Prince William County issued this statement from his office in Manassas:

"On June 10, 1965, the Sheriff's Office of Prince William County was contacted by the F. B. I. in reference to a cache of explosives which were buried in Prince William County by the Minutemen, a Right-wing organization.

"The investigation was conducted by the F. B. I., Prince William County Sheriff's Office and the Virginia State Police.

"The explosives were located on Route 641 near the power line approximately three-fourths of a mile off 641.

"The explosives consisted of 36 sticks of dynamite, 54 non-electric caps, 6 electric caps and 50 feet of safety fuse.

"The demolition squad of Ft. McNair was called to the scene to remove the explosives.

"There was also some evidence at the scene of small arms target practice."

A Federal Bureau of Investigation spokesman said Federal agents had discovered the site in their "continuing investigation of the Minutemen."

He said they had turned the information over to state and county officials because there seemed to be no violation of Federal law.

The Washington Evening Star, in a copyrighted account of the police discovery, called the area "a guerrilla warfare training school built by the super-patriot Minutemen."

The Star's reporter, Jack Kelso, wrote that it was used by a Washington area unit believed to have 12 to 15 members. He also said the unit has been training at the Virginia site and in mountains near Reading, Pa., since it began operations in mid-March.

Empty ammunition boxes and cartridges from military-style rifles litter logging roads in the 3,000-acre woodland tract, The Star reported. Trees, junk and beer cans have been riddled by bullets fired in target practice, it said.

Virginia authorities were said to be investigating to determine what, if any, laws had been broken.

Mr. Kelso reported that the land, near heavily traveled U. S. Route 1, was privately owned, but the owners had not known it had been turned into a training camp by Minutemen.

The director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover, has told Congress the Minuteman organization "claims its primary purpose is to prepare its members to overthrow the Government of the United States in the event the Government is taken over by the Communists."

Its activities have been reported mainly in the Far West and Midwest up to now.

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## Ex-Nazis Join Minutemen

Disenchanted former members of the American Nazi party were reported yesterday to have joined the ranks of the Minutemen, Right-wing extremists whose guerrilla warfare training camp near Washington was raided on Thursday.

A Pennsylvania State Police commander said a group with "Fascist leanings" had been holding target practice at an abandoned strip mine near Reading, Pa. Some of them, he said, were Nazis.

At Nazi headquarters in suburban Arlington, Va., Deputy Commander Alan Welch denied that any of his "storm troopers" had joined the Minutemen. But he added that about eight or ten had quit the party and "are now actively participating in Minutemen activities."

"They fooled around too much with guns," Welch said. "A couple were asked to quit, but the rest left the party voluntarily because we wouldn't let them play with their guns. We don't approve of that sort of thing."

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# FBI FINDS MINUTEMEN

## WAR-GAMES AREA

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OCCOQUAN, Va.

The FBI says that the Minutemen, a far-right-wing organization of professed patriots, have been playing soldier in the woods out here, with live ammunition and dynamite.

Thirty-six sticks of dynamite and some other blasting equipment were found Thursday, buried in a wooded area about three miles from here, by FBI agents, the sheriff of Prince William County, and Virginia State Police officers.

The area is about 20 miles south of Washington. An FBI spokesman said there was evidence of extensive small-arms target practice near by, and that the area was thought to be a training site for a Minutemen chapter.

The Minutemen have been described by Sen. Thomas Dodd, D., Conn., as a group whose purpose is to develop a guerrilla network that will prevent a Communist takeover of the Federal government. Some chapters are said to have bazookas and mortars.

The FBI discovered the training site here in its "continuing investigation" of the Minutemen, an FBI spokesman said.

The identification of the dynamite as Minutemen property was solely that of the FBI, according to Sheriff Ralph D. Shumate of Prince William County. The sheriff said yesterday that all he knew was that some dynamite had been dug out of the ground. He didn't know whom it belonged to, he said.

The sheriff also said that he knew of no evidence that the area was a training site.

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~~as that~~ there had been extensive target practice there.

"Aw, there was an old car door out there that someone had taken some shots at, but that's all I know about," Sheriff Shumate said.

Buried with the dynamite, the sheriff said, were 54 non-electric caps, six electric caps, and 50 feet of safety fuse. The group of officers who uncovered the explosives was led to the site by FBI agents. The explosives were removed by Army demolition experts from Ft. McNair, in Washington. The site is in a remote area but is not far from U. S. 1, a heavily traveled highway. The dynamite caps were buried in a shallow hole.

The FBI said empty cartridges and ammunition boxes littered the area and that

trees and beercans there had ~~been~~ torn by bullets.

Investigation of the discovery has been turned over to Virginia authorities, since no Federal violation was involved, the FBI said.

The FBI said that the site was privately owned but that the owner was unaware of the Minutemen activities there.

The Minutemen chapter is said to have about a dozen members and to have been formed in February. It is thought to have trained with another group near Reading, Pa.

In a Congressional hearing last week Sen. Dodd disclosed that an informant had infiltrated the Minutemen and had been given literature about how to be a saboteur, how to conduct guerrilla warfare, and how to organize an underground army.

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# Everything Top Secret On Far Right

By JAMES C. HYATT

Exclusive to The Journal-American

HOUSTON, June 29.—For techniques of super secrecy, James Bond might take lessons from the "Minutemen," the ultra-rightists "training" for the day "when Americans will once again fight in the streets for their lives and their liberty."

A recent letter of inquiry to their home office, P. O. Box 68, Norborne, Mo., brought this amazing packet:

- A plain outer envelope, postmarked from Richmond, Mo., with no return address.

- An inner assortment of material wrapped in a heavy, gray sheet of mimeograph paper to prevent "your mail from being read by infra-red cameras."

• A membership application form, "Classification: Secret," and a return stamped envelope addressed to "Biolab Corporation, Norborne, Missouri."

On a letterhead marked with the outline of a 1775 "Minuteman" with long rifle in one hand, Robert B. DePugh, national coordinator, advised by form letter:

## 'ONLY ORGANIZATION'

"... our members have long ago learned the futility trying to 'wake people up' and of writing to disinterested Congressmen. We are the only organization in America that is actively fighting communism right now."

"This is not a job for amateurs. It requires not only dedication to the cause of liberty but the willingness to study and train until we reach a degree of skill by which our members can compete with the Communists on their own terms."

## FURTHER ADVICE

By sending in the application and \$5 patriots may expect to be accepted as a "provisional member." Full members must complete a correspondence training course in the scientific principles of underground warfare."

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"prospective members" the Minutemen advise:

"Newspapers and television have pictured the Minutemen as a bunch of crackpots running around shooting off their guns without any idea or why they were doing it. This is exactly the type of persons we don't want in our organization. . .

"He fully expects that we will have to fight in one way or another before victory is achieved. There is no place in this organization for bunglers, playboys or lukewarm conservatives. If you join the Minutemen,

there might easily come a time that your life would depend on how completely some other member had learned his job."

Dues are \$2 per month. "Every member will be expected to buy his own gun, ammunition and other equipment."

In "practical security measures," new applicants are told:

- "Use deceptive measures," by subscribing to left wing periodicals or getting on "peace movement" mailing lists. "This will keep the postal inspectors guessing as to which side you are really on." Search this left-wing literature "for names and addresses of fellow travelers, and forwarding this information for our central intelligence files."

- Use two envelopes in sending mail. Avoid a return address on the outer envelope. Use opaque material between envelopes to avoid infra-red cameras.

- Use mail boxes or post offices "where you are not known."

- Avoid telephone calls to headquarters or other members. "Prepare telephone codes ahead of time for future protection."

- In recruiting new members, "make sure he is not an infiltrator, before you identify yourself as a member of the organization."

#### SHORT HISTORY

A "short history" of the Minutemen said that 10 sportsmen organized a duck hunting club in June, 1960.

One Sunday, someone "mentioned the current international crisis and another man said jokingly, well, if the Russians invade us, we can come up here and fight as a guerrilla band."

That conversation led to a study of guerrilla warfare and politics; the study concluded:

"Our diplomatic war against communism has already been lost by bunglers or traitors within our own government."

"...A pro-American government could no longer be established by normal political means."

"...The minority vote blocks, (sic) controlled labor unions, and corrupt political machines so completely monopolize the American political scene that there is no chance for the average American citizen to regain control of his own destiny at the ballot box."

They turned to guerrilla training, the history said, because guerrillas "can fight on for years, even for generations. Guerrilla bands can fight in the cities, country, forests, swamps, deserts or mountains. They are everywhere and yet nowhere. They strike without warning and vanish without a trace. They take away with them the arms, food and ammunition they will need to fight again another day."

From The Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service

# Minutemen Lawyer Denies Sex Plot

United Press International

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 10—The lawyer for Minutemen chief Robert Bolivar DePugh, said today he was confident his client would be cleared of charges he kidnaped two young women. The women said he

tried to get them to seduce Communists.

DePugh, 42, was free today on \$5000 bond pending his preliminary hearing. It was set for July 20. He surrendered yesterday after a federal fugitive warrant was issued.

The two women were identified as Patricia Lucille Beal, 21, of Lake Lotawana, Mo., and Linda Frances Judd, 16, of Independence, Mo.

When asked if he knew the two women, DePugh said he knew "no girls by those names." He said the charge was a slam at the Minutemen, which he has previously described as an undercover organization to combat communism in this country.

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# Weapon for Minutemen: Sex Against Communism

By The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY.

Robert P. DePugh, chief of the Minutemen, surrendered yesterday to county officers who had charged him with kidnaping two young Independence, Mo., women.

Mr. DePugh, 42, is leader of the guerrilla-type organization which he says has an underground force of 25,000 members. Police and sheriff's officers had sought him since Thursday, accusing him of taking the women against their will and trying to enlist them to seduce "Communists" in the Federal government for purposes of blackmail.

Mr. DePugh, who was accompanied by his attorney, was released on \$5,000 bond and left immediately afterward.

"The charges against me are unfounded," he told reporters. Asked if he knew the women who have signed statements against him, he replied:

"I don't know anybody by the names given."

Lawrence P. Gepford, prosecuting attorney, said that the charge was filed after the women signed statements in which they said Mr. DePugh and some of his followers had held them prisoner for two weeks.

He filed the kidnap charge Thursday but it was kept secret during the early part of the search for the Minuteman leader. The secrecy was lifted early yesterday when officers concluded Mr. DePugh probably was aware he was wanted.

About the same time officers entered Mr. DePugh's home at Norborne, Mo., a town of around 1,000 about 50 miles east of Kansas City, but could not find him. They reported five young men and women were at the house and two of them had loaded rifles and pistols.

The earlier search centered on a printing shop at Independence, just east of Kansas City. Officers found a sub-machine gun, a Japanese land mine, a hand grenade, two recoilless rifles and other weapons, eavesdropping de-

vices and Minuteman literature.

Attached to a glass divider panel was a pamphlet entitled: "Wanted, Lady Spies."

Mr. DePugh's accusers were Patricia Lucille Beal, 21, and Linda Frances Judd, 16, of Independence.

The Minuteman leader makes veterinary medicines at Norborne. He formally lived in Independence.

He and nine duck-hunting companions started their anti-Communist underground army in 1960. Mr. DePugh by indirection has claimed there are 25,000 Minutemen throughout the country training in guerrilla tactics.

Mr. Gepford said the two women reported Mr. DePugh awakened them at Miss Beal's apartment in Independence early June 4 and persuaded them to leave with him. He quoted them as saying Mr. DePugh told them police would arrive that morning to arrest Miss Judd as a runaway and Miss Beal for harboring her.

"He had a gun in his hand," Mr. Gepford said Linda told him. "He didn't point it at us but toyed with it in his hand."

The women said they were held about two weeks at Richmond, Mo., about 30 miles east of Kansas City, were transferred to the print shop in Independence and escaped there on June 19.

Mr. DePugh "told us he wanted us to seduce men in the high government," Linda said. "He told us he would take pictures and tape recordings and use them as blackmail to infiltrate the government. He told us Communists had taken over the government and he would use us and other girls like us to return the government to the American people."

The day after they escaped from the print shop, Patricia Beal was arrested by Independence police on a charge of vagrancy and Linda Judd was booked on juvenile records as a runaway.

Linda said she left her home in Independence and had spent one night at the Beal apartment when Mr. DePugh came there.

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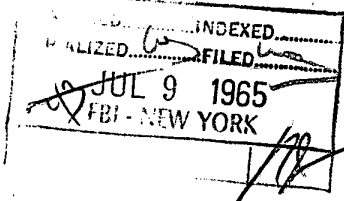
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# Top Minuteman Turns Self In

Kansas City, Mo., July 9 (UPI).—Robert Bolivar Depugh, national head of the militant right-wing Minutemen organization, turned himself in today after officials charged him with kidnaping two young women who said he tried to enlist them to "use sex as a weapon to blackmail Communists."

A federal fugitive warrant was asked for DePugh, although only state kidnap charges were filed.

DePugh, who has described the Minutemen as an undercover organization to combat Communism in this country, was turned in to a Circuit Court judge by his attorney.

He was released on \$5,000 bond pending his preliminary hearing, scheduled for July 20.

The fugitive warrant was filed earlier today at the request of the Jackson County prosecutor,

Lawrence Gepford, after his investigator was told by a Minutemen leader: "You'll never find ground."

Patricia Lucille Beal, 21, of Lake Lotawan, Mo., and Linda Frances Judd, 16, of Independence, Mo., signed statements supported by polygraph tests, Gepford said, to the effect that DePugh attempted to get them to join the Minutemen and "use sex as a weapon to blackmail Communists."

The women said DePugh, 42, with a pistol in hand, abducted them early the morning of June

4 at their Independence apartment and forced them to accompany him and a woman companion. They were held captive for two weeks at a Richmond, Mo., residence and then taken to an Independence printing shop used as the local Minutemen's headquarters, and from which they escaped June 16, when a guard "became careless and we slipped out."

DePugh told them, they said, he would take pictures and tape recordings so he could blackmail seduced officials and infiltrate U.S. offices with Minutemen.

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## MINUTEMEN AIDE IS FREED ON BOND

Secretary to Group's Head  
Rebuts Kidnapping Story

KANSAS CITY, July 10 (AP) — A 20-year-old woman was arraigned today as a material witness in the kidnapping case against Robert Bolivar de Pugh, chief of the Minutemen, an underground right-wing organization.

Mrs. Cyndra Ellen Melville, described by Mr. de Pugh as his confidential secretary for three years, was freed on a \$3,000 bond. She was the second employee of Mr. de Pugh put under bond as a material witness in the continuing investigation of Minutemen operations.

Jack Cannon, 35, an employee in Mr. de Pugh's Independence, Mo., office, was released on a \$5,000 bond yesterday as a material witness shortly after Mr. de Pugh had surrendered on the kidnapping charge. Mr. de Pugh also was released under \$5,000 bond.

All three have been ordered to appear for a preliminary hearing July 20.

The police confiscated explosives, guns, hand grenades and a bazooka at the building in Independence.

### Statements Signed

Lawrence Gepford, Jackson County prosecutor, filed the kidnapping charge after two young women, Patricia Lucille Beal, 21, and Linda Frances Judd, 16, had signed statements saying Mr. de Pugh had abducted them and sought to have them seduce men in high Government posts. They said Mr. de Pugh took them from Independence to Richmond, Mo., on June 4 and held them captive for two weeks.

Mr. de Pugh, whose home and veterinary supply business are at Norborne, Mo., has headed the Minutemen since the organization was founded five years ago. He says there are 25,000 Minutemen.

Mr. Gepford said he would place the de Pugh-Minutemen investigation before a grand jury Monday.

Both Mr. de Pugh and Mrs. Melville have denied the kidnapping story told by Miss Beal and Miss Judd. Mr. de Pugh said the story was a plot "to discredit the Minutemen." Mrs. Melville said Miss Beal and Miss Judd probably were two women she knew under different names who had worked for the Minutemen organization.

"They did work for us, but they weren't kidnapped," said Mrs. Melville.

She would not elaborate.

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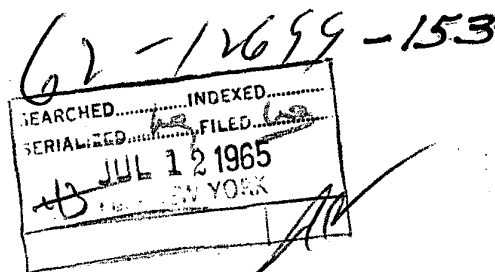
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## **Minuteman Head Surrenders**

Kansas City, July 10—Robert B. Depugh, head of the Minutemen, surrendered yesterday on state charges of kidnaping.

Depugh, 42, is accused of abducting two young women and attempting to enlist them in his militant, anti-Communist organization for the purpose of blackmail. He had been sought by police.

A search of Depugh's office and home, uncovered arms, ammunition, a submachine gun, a mine and field equipment.

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## 2d Minutemen Aid Held in Kidnap Case

By The Associated Press  
KANSAS CITY.

A 20-year-old woman was arraigned yesterday as a material witness in the kidnaping case against Robert B. DePugh, chief of the Minutemen, a right-wing organization.

Mrs. Cyndra Ellen Melville, described by Mr. DePugh as his confidential secretary for three years, was freed on a \$3000 bond.

She was the second DePugh employee put under bond as a material witness in the continuing investigation of Minutemen operations. Jack Cannon, 35, an employee of DePugh's Independence, Mo., office was released on a \$5,000 bond Friday as a material witness shortly after Mr. DePugh surrendered on the kidnaping charge. Mr. DePugh also was released under \$5,000 bond and all three were ordered to appear for preliminary hearing July 20.

It was at the Independence building where officers found and confiscated a large cache of explosives, explosive compounds, guns, hand grenades and a bazooka.

Lawrence Gepford, county prosecutor, filed the kidnaping charge after Patricia Lucille Beal, 21, and Linda Frances Judd, 16, had signed statements saying Mr. DePugh had abducted them and sought to have them seduce



Cyndra Ellen Melville

men in high government posts whom the Minutemen suspected of being Communists. They said Mr. DePugh took them from Independence to Richmond, Mo., on June 4 and held them captive for two weeks.

Mr. DePugh, whose home and veterinary supply business are at Norborne, Mo., has headed the Minutemen since the anti-Communist underground order was founded about five years ago. He claims there are 25,000 members.

Mr. Gepford said he would place the DePugh-Minutemen investigation before a grand jury tomorrow. Mr. DePugh and Mrs. Melville have denied the kidnaping story.

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### Grand Jury Gets Kidnap Charge

In the hands of a Jackson County (Kansas City, Mo.) grand jury: signed statements in which two young women—one 16, one 21—charge that Robert B DePugh, 42, founder and head of the militant Right-wing Minutemen, kidnaped them and held them in Richmond, Mo., for two weeks while he tried to persuade them to seduce big shots in the Federal government and help the Minutemen infiltrate to put things right.

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Enclosed for the Bureau and interested offices are copies of what appears to be [redacted]

[redacted] Also enclosed for the Bureau are Xerox copies of [redacted] is being forwarded to the Bureau in this manner in order that a more complete evaluation of the organization may be determined. [redacted] will be furnished interested offices by separate letters.

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## JURY TAKES RECESS IN MINUTEMEN CASE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 9 (AP)—Robert B. DePugh, head of the anti-Communist Minutemen organization, got a short reprieve today on an order to deliver financial and membership records to a county grand jury.

The Minutemen leader appeared at the courthouse on schedule, but he was not summoned before the grand jury. Lawrence F. Gepford, prosecuting attorney, announced it had recessed until next Monday.

Mr. DePugh's attorney, William Costello, filed a motion to quash the subpoena ordering his client to produce the records.

Mr. Costello said he based his action on the first amendment, which he said guarantees the right of membership to be private.

Mr. DePugh, 42-year-old manufacturer of veterinary medicine at Norborne, Mo., has insisted the Minutemen have about 25,000 members.

He says they are trained to use weapons and ready to fight in the event of a takeover of the Government by Communists.

He was charged several weeks ago with kidnaping two young women and holding them in seclusion at a house in Richmond, Mo. The two women alleged that Mr. DePugh and several others had tried to indoctrinate them as Minutemen.

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## MINUTEMAN CHIEF HELD IN A FELONY

Indicted on Bomb Possession  
and Delinquency Charges

Special to The New York Times

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 16

The leader of the Minutemen organization was indicted today by the Jackson County grand jury on charges of possessing bombs and bombshells and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Robert B. DePugh of Norborne, Mo., appeared confident but unsmiling this morning as the indictments were read to him during his arraignment in the Jackson County Circuit Court.

Possession of bombs and bombshells is a felony. The other charge is a misdemeanor. Mr. DePugh, who pleaded not guilty to both charges, was freed on bonds totaling \$2,000.

Mr. DePugh was accused of contributing to the delinquency of Linda Judd, 17 years old, who accused him in a signed statement of abducting her and holding her against her will for two weeks in June.

Miss Judd and Miss Patricia Beal signed statements saying they were abducted and held. Their statements said Mr. DePugh told them he wanted to use them in his organization to seduce Communists high in the United States Government in order to blackmail them.

### Suggestions Denied

Mr. DePugh has denied ever suggesting such a use of the young women. He said they were free at any time to leave quarters he provided in Richmond and Independence, Mo.

The bomb indictment apparently grew out of a raid made

on a combination print shop and apartment in Independence. Raiders found 200 one-pound sticks of dynamite and several live hand grenades.

Mr. DePugh has said he owns the building and that the structure is used both for Minuteman activities and some work of the Biolab Corporation, a company Mr. DePugh owns.

Following his arraignment today, Mr. DePugh said he was surprised by the indictments.

"I don't think there's enough evidence to warrant either one of them," he added.

He said he had not taken the explosives to the building in Independence, did not have them in his control and did not own them.

He repeated an earlier assertion that the explosives had been taken to his building by about 15 minutemen from around the country who participated in a two-week training course.

The explosives were to have been detonated on a south Missouri farm as part of the training, Mr. DePugh said.

Immediately after the indictments were returned today, a state kidnapping charge against Mr. DePugh was dropped at the request of Lawrence Gepford, Jackson County prosecutor.

Mr. Gepford said he dropped the kidnapping charge because "the grand jury felt, after investigating the matter thoroughly, that contributing to the delinquency of a minor was the charge that should be made against DePugh."

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Mr. Carl Belcher, Department of Justice, advised that [redacted] had been in contact with Mr. Jack Rosenthal, Director of Public Information, Department of Justice. [redacted] advised Mr. Rosenthal that [redacted] had planted an informant in the Minutemen in the Los Angeles area in the hopes of working up a story concerning the Minutemen.

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The informant, [redacted] who also uses the name [redacted] succeeded in joining the Minutemen. He has advised [redacted] that the Minutemen have automatic weapons and ammunition hidden in the area. [redacted] in return advised Mr. Rosenthal concerning the [redacted] project. [redacted] will furnish complete details concerning this matter to the Bureau according to Mr. Belcher.

Interview [redacted] and if he has no objection, his informant, [redacted] to obtain complete details concerning this Minutemen activity. Mr. Rosenthal has no objection to his name being used as the one who furnished the information to the Bureau. He is a [redacted] Handle this matter promptly and advise the Bureau of the results of your interview.

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ReBulet to Los Angeles dated 6/16/65.

In regard to the request set forth in reBulet,  
the following information is being set forth for the  
Bureau's information:

[redacted] is the News Director of [redacted]  
[redacted]  
is a veteran radio newscaster in Southern California, and  
he has his own news program. He broadcasts several times a  
day and travels around in his own mobile unit. He is known  
to be a publicity seeker.

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[redacted] produced and participated in an expose  
program entitled [redacted] which was broadcast on  
[redacted] on 5/17-21/65. [redacted] interviewed  
numerous individuals, some of whom included State Attorney  
General THOMAS LYNCH (California), [redacted]  
[redacted] of the "Minutemen", and Agent 13551. (It  
is to be noted that the last four digits of this numbered  
agent are the same as the last four digits of the telephone  
number of the Los Angeles Office, 483-3551). During this  
broadcast interview [redacted] carried on a dis-  
cussion as to the activities and the purpose of the "Minutemen"  
organization. During these interviews there was no information  
furnished concerning captioned organization which the Los  
Angeles Office is not already aware of and which has been  
previously furnished to the Bureau. Los Angeles is currently  
preparing a report in captioned matter.

In view of the above, the Bureau is requested to  
advise Los Angeles if the interviews with [redacted]

[redacted] should be conducted. The recommendation of the Los  
Angeles Office is that no interview should be conducted.

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**MINUTEMEN  
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(INTERNAL SECURITY)**

Reurlet 6/28/65 which recommends that [redacted]

News Director of that station, not be interviewed inasmuch as your office is aware of all information which these individuals may have concerning Minutemen. b6 b7C

Bureau letter 6/16/65, which instructed that [redacted] and [redacted] be interviewed, pointed out that according to [redacted] the Minutemen have automatic weapons and ammunition hidden in the Los Angeles area. Advise whether your office is aware of the location of these weapons and the ammunition referred to by [redacted]. At the same time, resubmit your recommendation concerning an interview with [redacted] it being noted that he was in contact with a Department of Justice official concerning the Minutemen.

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Re bulet to Los Angeles dated 7/9/65 and Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated 6/28/65.

Los Angeles is not aware of the location of the automatic weapons and ammunition hidden in the Los Angeles area which was mentioned in referenced bulet. Due to the information set forth in referenced Los Angeles letter concerning [redacted] News Director of [redacted] no interview is recommended concerning this individual.

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However, in view of the above, Los Angeles recommends that [redacted] be interviewed for additional information in this matter.

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- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Kansas City (62-7797) (Info) (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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Director, FBI (62-107261)

MINUTEMEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reurlet 7/27/65.

The Bureau concurs with your recommendation  
that [REDACTED] be  
interviewed for additional information concerning  
Minutemen.

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Promptly furnish the results of the interview  
to the Bureau.

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"MINUTEMEN"  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Rebulet to Los Angeles dated 6/16/65, 7/9/65, and  
8/10/65; Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 6/28/65 and 7/27/65.

Enclosed for the New York Office is one copy each of  
the referenced communications.

On 8/25/65 [redacted]

[redacted]  
advised that [redacted] is  
now the [redacted]  
[redacted] left the Los Angeles area about a month ago, however,  
his wife resides at [redacted]

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On 8/25/65 [redacted]

(telephone number [redacted] advised that her husband [redacted]  
[redacted] could be contacted at [redacted]  
[redacted]

New York is requested to promptly interview [redacted]  
[redacted] in accordance with Bureau instructions set forth in  
referenced bulets. New York will submit results in form  
suitable for dissemination.

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- 2 - Bureau (RM)  
2 - New York (62-12699) (Encl. 5) (RM)  
1 - Los Angeles

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Date

8/10/65

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject

Aliases

Address

N.Y.

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Exact Spelling

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☒ All References

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propaganda + intelligence  
157-688\*

Unable to locate

Age ?

has studied

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N.Y.

Phone

+ c/s + rfy Ni DOB

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date *8/10/65*

Subject

*VITO CIOFFERO*

Aliases

Address

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Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

☐ Male

☐ Female

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Exact Spelling

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*Occupation*

*Photographer, teacher*

*Age 29*

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Race

Sex

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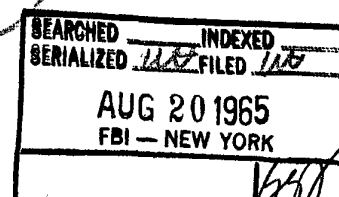
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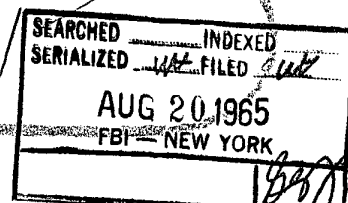
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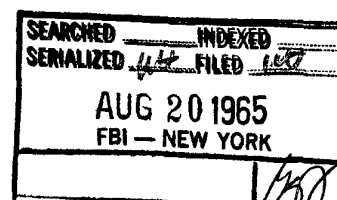
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK  
Attn: Supv. RAY RUCKEL, #43

DATE: 8/26/65

FROM : SA ROBERT E. JENKINS

SUBJECT: MINUTEMEN

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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INTERNAL SECURITY -

On August 26, 1965, Det. [redacted] Kingston, NY  
Police Department advised that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] had told him that he had information, unverified,  
that [redacted] employed in a [redacted]  
[redacted] are  
members of the Minutemen organization.

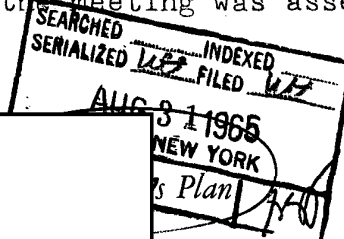
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[redacted] also told [redacted] that a meeting of the John Birch  
Society took place during the week ending Aug. 21, 1965 at  
the residence of [redacted]  
[redacted] residing in [redacted] There  
were 14 people at this meeting, seven of which were males and  
seven females. [redacted] was one of those attending and  
faking part in the meeting. At the meeting, each was given  
a list of eleven prominent Ulster County, NY citizens to contact  
and invite to the next meeting which will also be at the  
[redacted] residence. [redacted] attended the meeting and joined  
the John Birch Society. Each member at the meeting was assessed

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\$5.00. John Birch literature was sold at ~~the~~ the meeting.

[redacted] (according to [redacted]  
a member of the Conservative Party, is not a member of the  
John Birch Society, has told members he cannot join due to  
his business activity, but has made substantial contributions  
to the John Birch Society.

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The above being furnished for information.

If any investigation in this matter is conducted, [redacted]  
and [redacted] names should not be revealed. [redacted] states  
that [redacted] has furnished the above information in belief that  
[redacted] is in sympathy and will join the John Birch Society.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 9/7/65

FROM : SA JAMES M. ANDERSON (12)

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SUBJECT: MINUTEMAN, INC.

on 9/2/65. [redacted]

[redacted] (protect by request - who has  
furnished reliable info in the past) furnished the following info and  
attached [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were checked by SA [REDACTED]  
on 9/3/65 to determine [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Indices are negative re [REDACTED] and results of indices checks are  
attached re [REDACTED] It is noted there are two references  
to a [REDACTED] at the same address. One of the references reflects that

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is continuing in its attempt to determine  
[REDACTED] and will advise me of the results.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is my reco-  
mmendation that investigation be instituted to identify the person or persons  
who [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-107261)

9/21/65

SAC, NEW YORK (62-12699)

MINUTEMEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Re Bureau letters to Los Angeles dated 6/16,  
7/9 and 8/10/65 and Los Angeles letter to the Bureau  
8/26/65.

On 9/20/65, [redacted]

[redacted] advised

SA [redacted] as follows:

[redacted] stated that while he was [redacted]

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[redacted], which dealt with the activities  
of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK), and was broadcast during  
May, 1965.

While preparing the material for this program  
the station received a telephone tip from a individual  
who claimed his life was in jeopardy because an organiza-  
tion he belonged to found out he was an informant. After  
locating this individual, (FNU) [redacted] (PH), [redacted] claimed  
he was an FBI informant who was a [redacted]

- 2- Bureau (RM)
- 1- Kansas City (62-7797) (Info) (RM)
- 2- Los Angeles (62-5101) (RM)
- 1- New York

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- 1- Supervisor #43

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[ ] stated [ ] was interviewed for five days concerning his past activities. All interviews were taped.

[ ] was paid \$15.00 a day for a total of approximately \$200.00 for the information he supplied. [ ] stated [ ] was broke, in hiding, and claimed to have been shot by a Klansman during 1959 or 1960 in the state of [ ]

A meeting was arranged by [ ] at which approximately 15 representatives of various law enforcement and intelligence units including MILES DAVIS, Assistant Attorney General, State of California, listened to the taped interviews of [ ] stated this meeting was primarily to acquaint the various police departments with, and corroborate the information from [ ] prior to using the material in the program. During the conference, a San Bernardino police officer who had infiltrated the "Minutemen" came forth and corroborated some of the information supplied by [ ] This officer was the individual who stated the "Minutemen" have arms stored in a mine located on the desert. The officer allegedly was in the mine and saw a 50 caliber machine gun and a quantity of automatic ammunition.

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As a result of this information, [ ] and [ ] staked out the mine for a day and a half, but no one was observed. [ ] stated in view of what he had heard [ ] the mine has heavy wooden or steel doors which are padlocked, with an electrical generator and antenna by the entrance. He stated the antenna is too sophisticated to be an ordinary two-way radio antenna.

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[ ] stated [ ] prepared a speech for [ ] of the Los Angeles Dodgers, which was delivered at the convention of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during which he played excerpts from the [ ] tapes.

After this speech [ ] received a telephone call from the Vice President's office (HUBERT HUMPHREY) concerning the information but could not recall the name of the caller. He stated this individual must have contacted JACK ROSENTHAL, Director of Public Information, Department of Justice, because he [ ] did not contact Mr. ROSENTHAL, in fact, he does not know Mr. ROSENTHAL.

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[ ] stated the information concerning the "Minutemen" can be obtained from [ ]

NY is not submitting an LHM as requested by the Bureau because the individuals in possession of the information requested are [ ]

NYO considers the phase of the investigation dealing with the interview of [ ] RUCd.

LEAD

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. In view of the information contained herein, Los Angeles will re-evaluate the need to interview [ ] and advise the Bureau accordingly.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-107261)

9/29/65

SAC, NEW YORK (62-12699)(P)

MINUTEMEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re Kansas City letter to Bureau dated 7/26/65.

On the basis of the information furnished, NY  
indices contain no identifiable references on the following:

[REDACTED]

VITO CLOFFERO

[REDACTED]

In relet information concerning [REDACTED]  
was set forth as follows:

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[REDACTED]

One [REDACTED] was subject of NY  
file 157-688. Enclosed for Kansas City is one Xerox copy  
each of the LHM with cover letter submitted by Legat, London,  
dated 3/23/62, captioned [REDACTED] Racial  
Matter". The LHM reflects [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] telephone  
number [REDACTED] submitted a British National  
Party (BNP) membership application form dated 1/27/61.  
[REDACTED] date of birth was indicated as [REDACTED]

On the basis of the name, age and employment, the  
two [REDACTED] could be identical.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Kansas City (62-7797) (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 1 - New York

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LEAD:

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will re-open<sup>NY</sup> 157-688 to determine if the subject  
is identical with [redacted] mentioned in re Kansas  
City letter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (62-12699)

DATE: 10/1/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (#43)

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SUBJECT: "MINUTEMEN"  
Information Concerning  
(Internal Security)

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During March 1965, [REDACTED]  
received a rifle from [REDACTED] a legitimate gun dealer in  
[REDACTED] This rifle was sent through the mail.

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On 9/2/65, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised SA JAMES M. ANDERSON that he had

The above information was disseminated on 10/1/65, to:

Detective [REDACTED] BSS, NYCPD, by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (PH), Office of Security, State Department, NY,  
by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Secret Service New York, by SA ARTHUR B. FULTON.

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TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-18627)  
FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (100-16587) (P)  
SUBJECT: MINUTEMEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)  
(OO: KANSAS CITY)

Date: 10/5/65

Re Kansas City let to Bureau dated 7/26/65.

Relet enclosed for assistance of the Buffalo Office  
two copies of what appeared to be Minutemen membership lists.  
The following individuals were identified in these lists  
who appeared to be of possible interest to the Buffalo Division:

(#1) MC VICKER, HAROLD B. --- 35110  
New Road #1  
North Tonawanda, New York

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(#3)

- 2 - St. Louis (RM)  
2 - Albany (100-18811) (RM)  
2 - New York (62-12699) (RM)  
1 - Buffalo

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Indices of the Buffalo Office do not contain any information identifiable with the above mentioned individuals based on available identifying information.

The 1964-1965 Buffalo Metropolitan Area Telephone Directory does not contain any information identifiable with the above individuals based on available information except for MC VICKER, who is listed therein as HAROLD B. MC VICKER, New York, North Amherst, New York, telephone number 632-5248. MC VICKER's name does not appear in the most recent (1964) New York Polk's Address Directory of the Tonawandas, which includes North Tonawanda, New York. MC VICKER's name does not appear in the most recent (1964) Polk's Suburban Northeast Address Directory, which includes Amherst Township, New York.

On 7/27/65 Detective [redacted] (NA), Amherst PD, which covers North Amherst, New York, advised SA JACK W. SUNDERLAND that records of his department do not contain any record identifiable with HAROLD B. MC VICKER, New Road, North Amherst, New York. [redacted] advised that MC VICKER is personally unknown to him. However, he stated that the official list of registered voters guide, Town of Amherst, New York (1962), lists HAROLD B. MC VICKER [redacted] [redacted] New Road, Township of Amherst, New York.

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On 9/27/65 [REDACTED], New York State Division of Veterans Affairs, Main Street, Williamsville, New York, advised SA JACK W. SUNDERLAND that records of this office show that HAROLD B. MC VICKER, DOB 8/6/14; POB Bedford, Pennsylvania; was in the USAF, SN 42097485, between the dates of 8/17/44 and 7/15/46, at which time he received an honorable discharge. She said records of this office show that as of 5/4/64, when he made application for a Veteran's Property Tax Exemption, he was employed by Niagara Frontier Transit, not further identified.

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LEADS

ALBANY

AT ALBANY, NEW YORK

Will determine if indices connect names mentioned heretofore with any Minutemen-type activity.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Will determine if indices connect names mentioned heretofore with any Minutemen-type activity.

ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

1. Will review MC VICKER's military personnel file for background-type information.

2. Will ascertain if this military record file contains any data showing evidence of emotional instability or proficiency in the use of firearms.

BUFFALO

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

1. Will establish through logical local sources MC VICKER's present employment.

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BUFFALO (CONT'D)

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK (CONT'D)

2. Upon coverage of leads set forth in this communication, will consider interview of subject to determine if he has any knowledge of Minutemen-type activities.

SAC, ALBANY (100-18811)

10/6/65

SAC, NEW YORK (62-12699)

"MINUTEMEN"  
INFO CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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On 8/27/65, [redacted]  
[redacted] advised the NYO that he received literature  
from the "Minutemen" which included the following items;  
Xerox copies of which are being supplied to Albany:

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1. A letter addressed "Dear [redacted] with  
number [redacted] stamped thereon.
2. Application form number [redacted]
3. A red parcel post sticker addressed  
"Occupant, Post Office Box [redacted]  
[redacted]
4. A manila peek-a-boo envelope with a five  
cents stamp thereon.

LEADS:

ALBANY

AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. Will determine subscriber  
to Post Office Box [redacted] and conduct  
appropriate investigation.

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NEW YORK

AT [redacted] Will interview [redacted]  
[redacted] re subsequent contact with "Minutemen".

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- 1 - New York

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Attention GARDEN CITY RA

Re: "MINUTEMEN"

SECURITY MATTER - C

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The captioned subject was reported residing at \_\_\_\_\_, and employed as a \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_, as of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.

Subject's spouse is \_\_\_\_\_.

The subject has been reported involved in the following subversive activity on the dates shown:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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It is requested the following investigation be conducted: (Check where cable.)

- ( ) A. Verify current employment and residence.
- ( ) B. Determine current Credit Record, it being noted the subject's credit was last checked \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.
- ( ) C. Determine current criminal record, it being noted the subject's criminal file was last reviewed \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.
- ( ) D. Obtain background, and dates, from subject's employment record.
- ( ) E. Check subject's marriage record at Probate Court, it being noted subject was reported married \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) F. Check official birth record at Bureau of Vital Statistics, it being noted subject reported born on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) G. Determine whether subject has access to classified or restricted material.
- ( ) H. Conduct neighborhood investigation; the following specific information is desired: \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) I. Check Security Informants, it being noted \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ have given information in the past.
- ( ) J. Review INS records.
- ( ) K. Determine if subject has military service.
- ( ) L. Obtain photograph of subject ( ), description ( ), handwriting specimen ( ).
- ( ) M. Determine subject's education; check school or college records, it being noted subject was reported attending \_\_\_\_\_ in 19\_\_.
- ( ) N. Determine subject's status of health.

The agent conducting the investigation will be alert for any evidence of subversive activity and in addition will \_\_\_\_\_

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On 8/27/65, [ ]

[ ] advised by letter that he had received a letter and literature concerning membership in the "Minutemen". Information contained a return address of Syracuse, NY. Albany has the lead to check out the subscriber to the return address P.O. Box.

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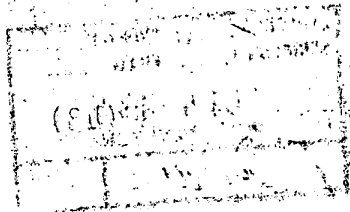
Request you contact [ ] and determine the following, which should be set forth on FD 302:

1. Names of officers.
2. Identity of members.
3. Location of units.
4. Any information re violation of matters which would fall within FBI jurisdiction.
5. Information concerning how to act if contacted by the FBI.

[ ] was contacted by the "Minutemen", and probably is unable to answer any of the above questions, however, would appreciate you setting this forth on 302.

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His application and the other information received from [ ] will be maintained in the 1B section of captioned file. I am primarily interested in determining if [ ] has been contacted subsequent to the receipt of his original letter.



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Attention ~~SA~~ RA~~XXX~~ Information Concerning  
~~SECURITY MATTER~~ (Internal Security)

The captioned subject was reported residing at \_\_\_\_\_, and employed as a \_\_\_\_\_, as of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

Subject's spouse is \_\_\_\_\_.

The subject has been reported involved in the following subversive activity on the dates shown:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

It is requested the following investigation be conducted: (Check where applicable.)

- ( ) A. Verify current employment and residence.
- ( ) B. Determine current Credit Record, it being noted the subject's credit was last checked \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) C. Determine current criminal record, it being noted the subject's criminal file was last reviewed \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) D. Obtain background, and dates, from subject's employment record.
- ( ) E. Check subject's marriage record at Probate Court, it being noted subject was reported married \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) F. Check official birth record at Bureau of Vital Statistics, it being noted subject reported born on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) G. Determine whether subject has access to classified or restricted material.
- ( ) H. Conduct neighborhood investigation; the following specific information is desired: \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) I. Check Security Informants, it being noted \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ have given information in the past.
- ( ) J. Review INS records.
- ( ) K. Determine if subject has military service.
- ( ) L. Obtain photograph of subject ( ), description ( ), handwriting specimen ( ).
- ( ) M. Determine subject's education; check school or college records, it being noted subject was reported attending \_\_\_\_\_ in 19\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) N. Determine subject's status of health.

The agent conducting the investigation will be alert for any evidence of subversive activity and in addition will \_\_\_\_\_

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SA GERALD A. JAMES (43)

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By memo dated 8/26/65, SA ROBERT E. JENKINS, advised that on 8/26/65, Det. [redacted], Kingston PD advised that [redacted]

[redacted] had told him that he had information, unverified, that [redacted] employed in a [redacted] are members of the "Minutemen".

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Will locate and interview [redacted] re membership in "Minutemen", specifically concerning the following points, which should be set forth on FD 302:

1. Names of officers.
2. Identity of units.
3. Location of units.
4. Any information re violation of matters falling within the jurisdiction of the FBI.
5. If the subject is cooperative, determine if he has received instructions on how to act if interviewed by a Bureau Agent, bearing in mind that such instructions have been given with the purpose to provoke an incident which could embarrass the Agent.

NYO indices indicate one [redacted] was Victim in NY file 44-953 captioned [redacted]

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[redacted] in signed statement alleged that [redacted]

[redacted] him in connection with a claim made by a former employee for wages. The file reflects that [redacted] is described as White, male, 5'8", 146 lbs., born [redacted] in [redacted]. The case was dismissed by the Justice of the Peace who termed the charge a "mistake". In [redacted] statement to Bu Agents and subsequently he felt that the Police were "out to get him". On 9/10/63 [redacted] indicated his address to be [redacted]

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (62-12699)

DATE: 10/13/65

FROM : *W*SAC, KANSAS CITY (62-7797) P

SUBJECT: "MINUTEMEN"  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re New York letter to Albany, 10/6/65, and  
Kansas City letter to Director, 7/26/65.

Minutemen identification or code number D36096 is  
identified in the enclosure to Kansas City letter as  
follows: "VITO COIFFERO, 36096, N.Y. (29) Photographer,  
Teacher." ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

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SAC, NEW YORK (62-12699)

MINUTEMEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)  
(OO: KANSAS CITY)

Reurlet dated 10/5/65.

By letter dated 9/29/65, NYO advised the Bureau,  
and Kansas City, that NYO indices are negative re the  
following:

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VITO CIOFFERO

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NYO has reopened NY 157-688, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] RACIAL MATTER". to determine if he is  
identical with [REDACTED], mentioned as a possible  
member of the "MINUTEMEN".

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC ( 62-12699)

DATE: 10/21/65

FROM : FRANCIS J. SANDIN

SUBJECT: MINUTEMEN  
Information Concerning  
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On 10/20/65 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he has not been contacted by the Minutemen in any manner since receiving the literature which he had furnished the FBI in about Aug. 1965. He was unable to furnish any additional information and stated that is any further ~~ix~~ contact is made with him by the Minutemen he would contact the FBI .

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# The Minutemen Move Into N.J.

The minutemen have moved into New Jersey, and in the wooded hills beyond the suburbs, the fanatic right-wing guerrilla band has been holding weapons practice, it was disclosed today.

State police said they were about to begin an investigation into the group, in the wake of a statement by Attorney General Arthur Sills that "an extreme right-wing group" had been circulating bulletins telling what to do in the event New Jersey passes a pending weapons registration law.

"Buy several firearms, but register only one," says one of the bulletins. "Bury your others well and safely."

## Told to Keep 100 Rounds

"We have laid the groundwork for a complete organization with virtually little or no surface signs showing," says another, according to Sills.

The bulletins, labeled "for internal distribution only," warn readers to keep a rifle and a minimum of 100 rounds of ammunition in their homes for protection, among other things, "in case of race riots."

Sills did not say "Minutemen" and Maj. Frank Halley, deputy superintendent of state police, didn't use the word either. He said simply that an investigation would begin into the material Sills had found.

But it was learned that in the lake country in the northwest part of the state, in Morris and perhaps in Sussex County, that

meetings of the weapons-bearing Minutemen had been reported.

## A Campaign Issue

It was the first appearance in this area of the group that has turned up in Virginia and in California, where, an investigation showed, members were trained in shooting of rifles and bazookas, building of booby traps and bombs.

Sills showed the bulletins last night in remarks tacked onto an otherwise routine speech in Newark's Robert Treat Hotel to the Consumer Finance Assn.

A move to require registration of weapons, backed by Gov. Hughes, has become an issue in the current New Jersey political campaign. Hughes' opponent, Wayne Dumont, opposes the bill on the ground, he says, that it is badly written.

## Use N. Y. Box Number

One of the bulletins shown by Sills told readers to store up many weapons and, if registration should lead to confiscation, "let them have one, without a fight."

A newspaperman who got a quick look at one of the bulletins saw that no sponsor was listed. For further information, readers were referred to a New York post office box.

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## JERSEY PROBES A RIGHT-WING ARMED GROUP

Special to the Herald Tribune  
TRENTON, N. J.

An investigation into what is apparently an armed, underground right-wing organization was ordered yesterday by State Attorney General Arthur J. Sills.

Mr. Sills said he had notified U. S. Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach and New Jersey state police of the organization. He described it as similar to the Minute Men, an armed rightist group which has cells around the country.

Copies of a confidential bulletin purportedly circulated within the organization were released here by Mr. Sills, an appointee of Gov. Richard J. Hughes. The copies did not name the group.

Mr. Sills said the documents had been given to him by "an extremely reliable source" and that he had "every reason to believe they are authentic."

The bulletin said that the organization had made preparations for an underground operation in anticipation of the day when "pro-American, patriotic organizations... will have been hounded out of existence." It advised members to buy a .22 caliber rifle as a decoy in case a state gun-control bill is enacted.

"Wrap, seal and bury or hide all other of your firearms," the bulletin said, "remembering to put away at

least 100 rounds of ammunition with each gun."

The bulletin spoke of the John Birch Society getting "its lumps" recently. "Other Rightist groups are also under attack," it said. "The KKK (Ku Klux Klan) is under investigation with 'big exposures' promised for later this month.

This one is well worth watching closely. . . It will give us some idea of what we can or should expect in the event that our own organization should ever come under investigation."

Within a month, according to the bulletin, all records of membership will have been destroyed. "Intelligence records on enemy personnel" are being distributed to leaders of the organization, the bulletin continued, and "stockpiles of material are being broken up into small caches and hidden."

The bulletin urged members of the organization not to shoot National Guardsmen. "Many of them are already in our organization," it said.

Gov. Hughes has proposed a bill that would bar the sale of guns to members of subversive organizations, alcoholics, former inmates of mental institutions, convicted criminals and narcotics addicts. This is apparently the gun-control bill referred to in the bulletin.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, (62-12699) (P)

DATE: 11/1/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (43)

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SUBJECT: "MINUTEMEN"  
Information Concerning

[REDACTED] provided the following information to the writer and SA [REDACTED] on 10/27/65:

He stated that while at<sup>a</sup> party of his in-laws approximately six months ago, one of his wife's relatives [REDACTED] (LNU), mentioned that the captioned organization would be a good organization to join. [REDACTED] refused to further identify this individual. Subsequent to this discussion [REDACTED] read newspaper accounts of the captioned and sent in an application for additional information which he received from BOB De PUGH, P.O.Box 68, Norborne, Missouri. This included literature and an application form.

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[REDACTED] stated that he had not submitted his application for membership in the "Minutemen", however, he plans to join either the John Birch Society or the captioned. He stated that he desires to join one of these organizations as it is his patriotic duty to do something rather than just talk.

[REDACTED] stated that he wouldn't be able to join a combat unit, but would be interested in joining an intelligence unit. He stated he felt that as long as he was gathering information for the benefit of the "Minutemen" he would be willing to pass on any information that would be of value to the Bureau.

The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name  
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Weight  
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Hair  
Eyes  
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Military Service  
Arrest Record  
Education

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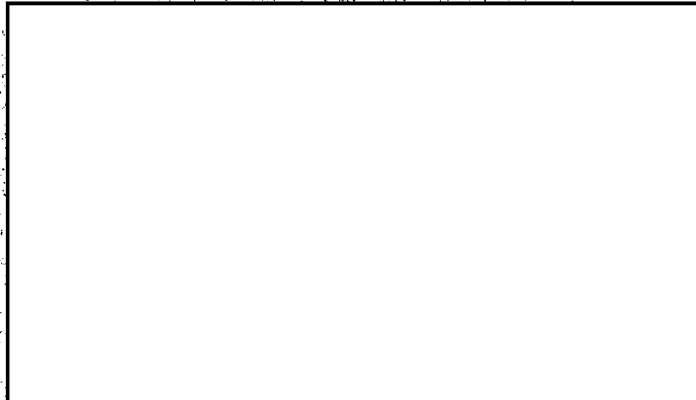
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[redacted] was advised that the Bureau would not recommend that he should or should not join the "Minutemen", however, if he did join the organization and it was felt that he would could be of service he will be recontacted.

In view of the fact that [redacted] has expressed a desire to join the captioned and if he does so, is willing to supply information to the Bureau, it is suggested that a 134 case be opened on [redacted]

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## 'Minuteman' Tie to Klan Bared

By **LESLIE H. WHITTEN**

Hearst Headline Service

Exclusive to The Journal-American

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—

The House Un-American Activities Committee has established links between the Ku Klux Klan and the far right, gun-toting Minutemen, a committee source said today.

One tie, the source said, is a top national officer of the Klan. Reached at home, the Klansman flatly denied it.

The Minutemen are a secret anti-Communist group with membership estimated at over 25,000. They conduct guerrilla training with rifles, machine guns and heavier weapons.

The Klan officer reportedly has a personal arms cache of five rifles and shotguns and a .30 calibre pistol and a federal firearms license as well. The committee source said he is only one of several links between the Klan and the minutemen.

The national "coordinator" of the Minutemen, Robert B. De Pugh, of Norborne, Mo., could not be reached for comment.

The ties between the Klan and the para-military Minutemen were disclosed as committee investigators charged that free-wheeling parties with children present were held weekly in an Atlanta "disorderly Klavern headquarters.

The wild gatherings, as described in a committee document, featured fast-flowing moonshine, and "twist" dancing. Three Klansmen charged with "maintaining a disorderly house" all took the Fifth Amendment before the committee yesterday.

The top Klansman identified

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by the committee source as a Minuteman said he was present at a meeting in Montgomery, Ala. of the National States Rights Party, a neo-Nazi group, at which De Pugh spoke. But the Klansman said he did not know De Pugh as a Minuteman leader at the time.

The committee has named two "Grand Dragons," one New York's Daniel Burros, 28, who killed himself Sunday, who were members of neo-Nazi groups. Ties with the Nazi and Minutemen groups have not been brought out in testimony.

The committee planned to continue its probe of the Klan in Georgia this week, before moving on to Florida. A source close to the Klan said he understood a "suitcase full" of subpoenas was also ready for Louisiana Klansmen.

Two Georgia men, William Crowe, 48, and William A. Anderson, 49, were identified yesterday as demolition experts for the Klan who ran a school attended by Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton and his Georgia Grand Dragon, Calvin F. Craig.

In naming the teachers and pupils, investigator Philip Manuel said the course included instruction on fire bombs for automobiles that would leave no one inside alive, a cigaret-and-match-folder trigger for a dynamite bomb and a miniature booby trap.

Mr. Manuel said Crowe, Anderson and a third man named John L. Brock Jr., were members of a terror group called Nacirema — "America" spelled backward — which wanted "more violent action" than they were getting from regular Klan enterprises.

Rep. Charles L. Weltner (D.-Ga.), commented that he could think of no other purpose for the bomb training than "the willful taking of human life." The school was held in 1961 at a farm near Macon called "Klansmen's Hill," Mr. Manuel brought out.

Crowe, according to Mr. Manuel, had an arrest record dating to 1941 and Brock was asked whether he was once investigated by Atlanta police for abandoning dependent children.

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November 6, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
1505 Kellum Place  
Garden City, New York

Dear Sirs:

Today I received the enclosed envelope and newsletter from the Minutemen. This is the only contact that they have had with me since I last wrote to you.

I did not suspect what was in this envelope otherwise I would not have handled it.

I hope that you can do something with this. I for one would like to see this organization stopped.

If I can be of service, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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Sirs,

Please send me the booklet Principles of Guerrilla Warfare, full information on the Minutemen programs, and membership application.

Enclosed, please find the twenty cents to cover cost.

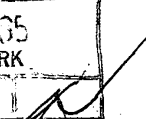
Send to: Mr. Charles M. Lamb  
714 Avenue U.  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11223

Sincerely,

  
Charles M. Lamb

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 11/17/65

FROM *PWD*  
*h on* SAC, Kansas City (62-7797) (P)

SUBJECT: "MINUTEMEN"  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Re Kansas City letter to Bureau dated 7/26/65.

Attached for the New York Office is a xerox copy of a letter from Mr. CHARLES M. LAMB, 714 Avenue U, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11223, requesting information concerning membership and information regarding the "Minutemen" organization.

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This correspondence was obtained from [redacted] (conceal identity) on 7/16/65. This material was inadvertently

[redacted]

The New York Office should obtain background information concerning this individual, and if no reason to the contrary exists, he should be interviewed concerning his knowledge of the "Minutemen."

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RACIAL MATTERS

ReNYlet to Director, 9/29/65.

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On 10/26/65, [REDACTED] OSI, 2nd District, 111 East 16th Street, NYC, NY, advised that [REDACTED] referred to in referenced communication is identical to the one who filed application for the British National Party on 1/27/61. He stated that when the subject filled out his enlistment application in 1960, he indicated that he had sent to several Neo-Fascist organizations for literature which he wanted for a high school project. After graduating from high school he maintained his interest in these organizations and eventually obtained membership in several of them. Upon interview, he denied any active membership in these organizations. OSI investigated the subject and on 7/2/63, closed his case favorably and without prejudice. He stated that [REDACTED] remains stationed at Stewart Air Force Base, 4603 AB Group, as a [REDACTED] where he has been for the past few years.

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On 11/5/65, [REDACTED] advised that OSI at Stewart Air Force Base stated that [REDACTED] told them that he had received some American Nazi Party literature and turned it over to them. The literature merely consisted of pamphlets which are normally made available to the public. [REDACTED] stated that OSI had considering using [REDACTED] as an informant, but did not believe he was of stable enough character. He described [REDACTED] as follows:

Race:  
Sex:  
DOB:  
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Height:



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[REDACTED] #43

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Weight:  
Hair:  
Eyes:

155 pounds  
Brown  
Blue

Information copy being supplied to Kansas City because  
of their interest in this matter.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, NEW YORK (62-New)

INFORMATION CONCERNING  
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On 11/1/65, [redacted] Consolidated Edison Co., of NY (CECHV), Inc., 2 Irving Pl., NY, NY, advised SAS LEWIS GRAY BROCKMAN and [redacted] that the subject had attempted to recruit one of [redacted] subordinates into a right wing organization, possibly the "Minutemen". [redacted] recommended that the employee [redacted] contact the FBI concerning [redacted] subsequently advised that [redacted] was willing to supply any information he had concerning [redacted] to the Bureau.

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On 11/18/65, [redacted] CECHV, provided the following information to SAS BROCKMAN and [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he has known [redacted] for approximately 5 years. [redacted] is employed by [redacted]

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About two years ago, [redacted] mentioned he is a member of an organization (name unknown), for which he gathers and evaluates information, after which he prepares reports, on the amount of communist or subversive influence in the government, particularly law enforcement and the executive branch of the federal government.

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[redacted] contact with [redacted] has been on a business basis though they generally go to lunch together when [redacted] is in NY, which normally is 3 to 5 times a year. During their conversations [redacted] has questioned [redacted] concerning his background and political views. [redacted] told [redacted] that he is a [redacted], was born in [redacted] served in the Army during World War II, is anti-Nazi, had contact with Quercilla grape, and worked with the [redacted] during World War II.

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During a conversation in 9/65, [redacted] asked [redacted] if he would be interested in meeting another [redacted] who is from California, and was in NYC at that time, to which [redacted] agreed. [redacted] said after this individual had an opportunity to check him [redacted] out, which could take one to six months, [redacted] would be contacted. It was [redacted] impression that the unknown [redacted] is a [redacted] in the John Birch Society (JBS) in California, and the purpose of the meeting was to get [redacted] to join the JBS. This individual's last name began with [redacted] and ends with [redacted].

[redacted] is friendly with [redacted] LNU, the [redacted] of the JBS in Michigan, who allegedly told [redacted] that four members of the JBS staged a riot shortly after the LA Watts riot, for the purpose of drawing persons out of the Detroit CP headquarters, after which the JBS members broke into CP headquarters and found a quantity of narcotics.

[redacted] stated he would be proud to be a member of the JBS, but due to his employment, is unable to join. He stated the JBS is growing rapidly in NY specifically within the NYCTD, and on Long Island.

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In connection with his employment, [redacted] told [redacted] he was at the Army Intelligence School, somewhere in Maryland, during 9/65, for the purpose of consulting with Army officials on a [redacted] stated that while there, he attempted through conversation, to obtain information concerning Army intelligence training.

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From their prior conversations [ ] stated that most of [ ] contacts are in the Washington, D.C., and Detroit, Michigan area.

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[ ] stated that he does not question [ ] patriotism, but feels his views are to far right.

[ ] stated he has no way of determining the authenticity of the information from [ ] however, if what [ ] has said is true, the Bureau should be aware of [ ] activities.

In view of the Bureau's interest, [ ] stated he will call [ ] to NY to discuss the problem currently existing at CCHM, and during this time will question him to determine specifically to which organization he belongs, and obtain background data concerning [ ] and his activities.

NYO indices contain a reference, NY 97-169-17860, which is a letter to the Director, dated 5/27/65, from [ ] in which [ ] stated she is a friend of [ ]

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[ ] stated [ ] She stated [ ] gets every kind of publication imaginable - - red, pink, John Birch, extreme right, extreme left, and everything in between.

On the basis of this letter it appears that [ ] is identical with the individual referred to by [ ]

[ ] described [ ] as follows:

Race  
Sex  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Build  
Age  
Characteristics

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The following description of [redacted] was obtained  
from observation and interview:

Name

Race

Sex

Hair

Eyes

Height

Weight

DOB

POB

Characteristics

Social Security #



Miscellaneous



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LEADS:

BALTIMORE

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 1. Will contact security officer at Fort Holabird, to determine if Fort Holabird is the Army installation [ ] visited in 9/65.

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2. Will search indices and conduct criminal check on subject.

DETROIT

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN 1. Will search indices and conduct criminal check on subject.

2. Will through sources advise if it is known that persons broke into CP headquarters as reported.

PITTSBURGH

AT [ ] PENNSYLVANIA 1. Will at [ ] [ ] discreetly determine the extent of [ ] contacts with government installations including the one in Maryland, and set out appropriate leads to advise agencies handling the granting of security clearance of [ ] background, and activities, if this has not previously been done.

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK Will recontact [ ] re any information he is able to obtain from the subject and advise Pittsburgh accordingly.

It is requested that a new 134 case be opened on [ ] and that it be assigned to the writer.

SAC, ALBANY (100-18811)

11/26/65

SAC, NEW YORK (62-12699) (P)

"MINUTEMEN"  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

On 11/23/65 WILLIAM TAYLOR, 55 Riffon St.,  
Franklin Square, NY, advised the NYO that he received  
a short letter from an unknown source on 11/3/65  
which read as follows:

"Hello Friend: 11/3/65

"Received your application and you have  
been assigned the number of 60207 you can use this  
to answer all correspondence etc. also enclosed is  
the five training phases. after each phase is  
completed send to below address.

"Occupant  
P.O. Box 13  
Brewerton, N.Y."

TAYLOR stated that he had never submitted an  
application to the "Minutemen" and has no idea how the  
organization obtained his name or who may have executed  
an application in his name.

TAYLOR was born 7/30/10, Long Island City, NY,  
and [redacted] He is self employed as  
an insurance agent from his home and writes insurance  
for the Etna Casualty Company and the State Mutual Life  
Assurance Company. He has never been in the military service  
nor has he been arrested. He stated he recently purchased  
a .38 caliber revolver and received a license to carry this  
gun from the Nassau County PD.

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BY *W* ON 7/12/72

2-Albany (RM)  
1-Kansas City (62-7797) (INFO) (RM)  
1-New York

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The literature enclosed with the letter to TAYLOR included the following:

Phase 1 - Underground Warfare and Programs of our OWN Organization

Phase 2 - Intelligence Work, Theory and Practice

Phase 3 - Security

Phase 4 - Propaganda and Psychological Warfare

Phase 5 - Theory and Practice of Recruiting by Underground Forces

TAYLOR received the above mentioned items in a manila envelope which contained a Pitney Bowes postage meter stamp number 154323.

LEADS:

ALBANY

AT BREWERTON, NEW YORK.

1. Will determine subscriber to Post Office Box 13, Brewerton, NY, and conduct appropriate investigation toward interview of subscriber unless reason to the contrary exists.

AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.

1. Will determine owner of Pitney Bowes postage meter number 154323 from Postal Inspector's Office after which appropriate investigation toward interview of owner should be conducted unless reason to the contrary exists.

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